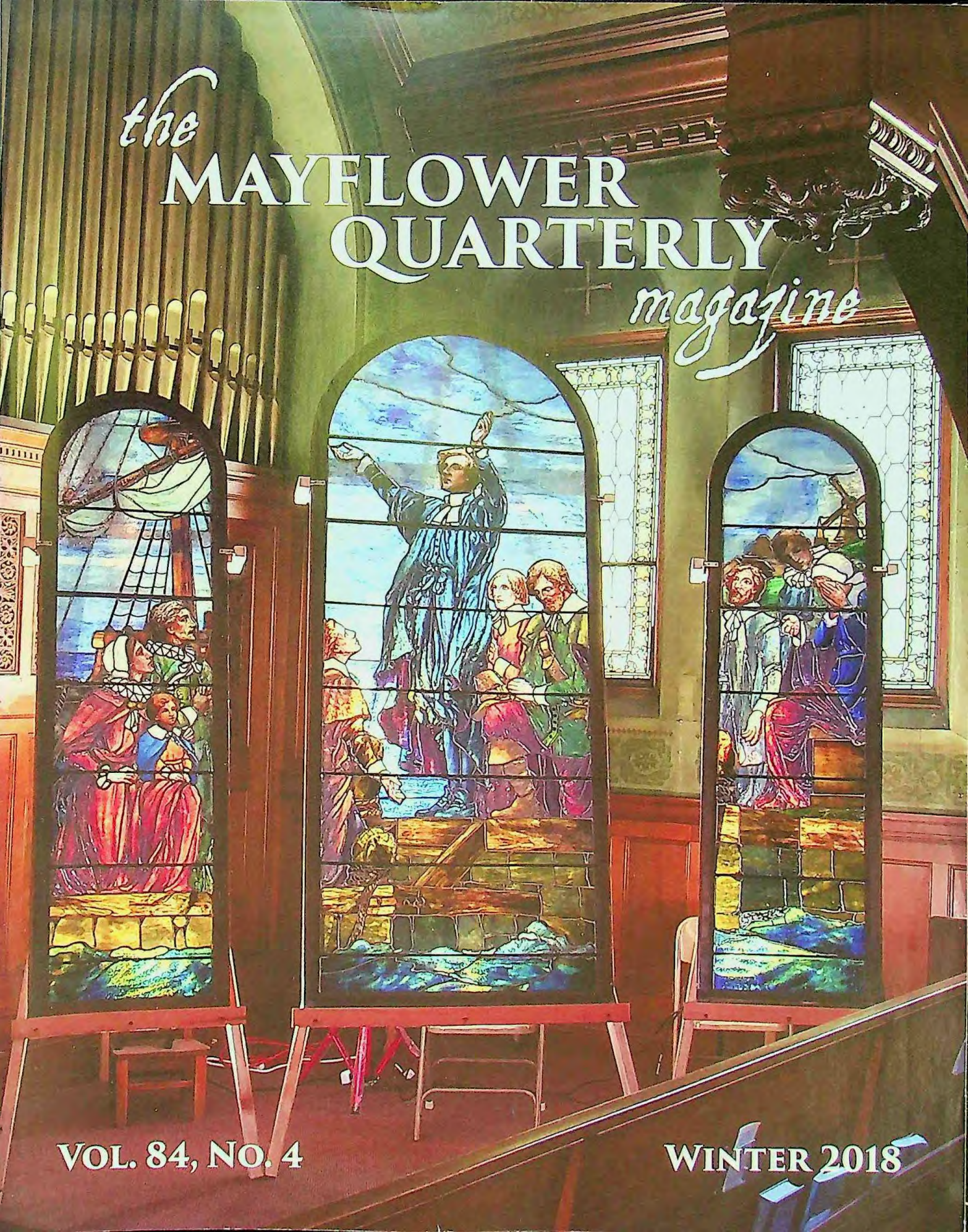


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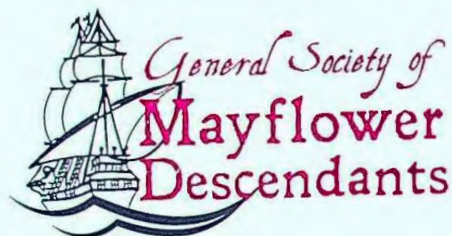


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Cover: The three panel stained glass windows showing John Robinson Blessing the Pilgrims on Their Departure from Delftsbaven can not be re-installed until restoration of the front facade of the Meetinghouse is complete. More on page 4.

Enthusiasm is building as we get closer to 2020. After all of the years of anticipation, it's hard to believe that January 1, 2020 is just about one year away as we go to press. As I travel among the Member Societies, I'm always eager to learn what they are doing to commemorate the 400th anniversary of the *Mayflower* voyage in their own communities.

Check out the smiling faces of the members of the North Dakota Society under Member Society News. They are discussing donating Pilgrim-themed books to libraries in their state. We all know that there is an educational gap about the teaching of the colonial period of America and the early generations that established European society on the shores of the New World. In the case of the Pilgrims, that gap tends to be filled by advertisers and those who use Thanksgiving as a marketing opportunity. Think of all of the silly cartoons of the Pilgrims that we see in all the media at this time of the year! The North Dakota Society plans to help to repair that gap by providing books for different age groups around their state.

California is also working on a big historic project. They have arranged for GSMD to sponsor a float in the Tournament of Roses Parade on 1 January 2020. General Society members will staff the float dressed like this happy crowd in the photo under Member Society News. The photo was taken in Oakland at the Board of Assistants meeting in October. For more details about the Tournament of Roses planning, please check their event website at camayflower.org

The General Society is assembling a variety of activities to make the 2020 Congress a one-of-a-kind event. Members everywhere are invited to participate, and you will want to start planning soon to participate. The activities and schedule are listed on our website and in this issue. Registration opens in early 2019. You will want to complete your registration soon so that you don't miss the boat! Come to participate in the life of your Society and to witness first-hand the historical events of 2020.

News Flash! – The Plymouth Town Meeting voted in October to donate over \$2.6 million in Community Preservation funds toward the repair of the exterior of the Meetinghouse building once it becomes the property of GSMD. FGG Lea Filson worked tirelessly with Mr. Bill Keohan and others to make sure that this grant proposal was presented properly to the Town Meeting. This donation will be a major milestone for us, since it brings us close to the \$3 million required for us to accept the building. In a larger sense, though, it is just the beginning of our long-range plans to develop the building into a Visitor Center and Museum located right at the spot where the Pilgrim community began in the New World. This grant will allow us to protect the structure so that we can develop it into a center of activity for the town of Plymouth and its visitors who will learn about the accomplishments that our ancestors achieved so many years ago.



Governor General George P. Garmany Jr with Executive Director Susan Belekewicz and Secretary General Jane Hurt after presenting to the Plymouth Chamber of Commerce and local professionals regarding our 2020 Mayflower Congress plans.

EDITOR'S NOTE

We have much news to report in this winter issue. At the top of the list is the announcement that the Town of Plymouth has awarded GSMD the \$2,618,000.00 Community Preservation Fund, to be put towards the \$3 million that we need to take ownership of the First Parish Church. Our gratitude and appreciation goes to FGG Lea Sinclair Filson for her tireless efforts!

Yesterday we were about \$92,000.00 short of our goal, today this number is only \$31,000.00 due to donations by the South Carolina, Illinois, New Jersey and Delaware Member Societies totaling \$53,000.00. See elsewhere in this issue for FGG Filson's account of our fundraising; the amount we have raised is amazing! The donations are coming in at a steady pace so check the GSMD website regularly. The dream is becoming a reality!

During the holiday season this year, let us keep our Pilgrim ancestors in mind and see what we, our families and our Member Societies can do to make sure we reach our goal. Wouldn't they be proud if they could see what we are accomplishing on their behalf, and to keep their story, and their memory, alive?

National Pilgrim Memorial Meetinghouse

*submitted by Governor General
George P. Garmany Jr., MD*

On October 22, 2018 the Plymouth Town Meeting took a major historic step on behalf of GSMD and our project to restore the First Parish Church. They voted to give us a Community Preservation grant for \$2,618,000.00 to help us to restore the building's exterior. Recent storms have made it very clear that this repair to the roof and exterior is urgently needed to guarantee structural stability for the future. With their contribution and the funds that have already been raised within our Society we are very close to the \$3 million that is required for ownership of the building to pass to our organization.

As soon as the congregation no longer shares in the ownership, we will rename the



building the National Pilgrim Memorial Meetinghouse and begin the repair process just as quickly as we possibly can. We look forward to returning the John Robinson windows (shown on the cover) to their proper place on the facade, showing the moment when our ancestors left Delfshaven in the Netherlands. The citizens of Plymouth have demonstrated their confidence in our Society, and we look forward to the day when that building is a source of pride in their town and in the hearts of all of us who love the heritage that the Pilgrims left for us.

The Community Preservation grant approved by the Town Meeting was for \$2,618,000 to be spent on the repair of the roof, walls and façade of the building. That money will not become available until we raise the full \$3 million to meet the terms of our agreement with the congregation. When that happens, GSMD will become full owners of the Meetinghouse, and we will be able to begin the real work of repairing the exterior and restoring the structural integrity of the building. Most importantly, this is a major milestone on our journey to develop the facility, but it is just the beginning of our long-term vision.

Ever since completing her term as Governor General, FGG Lea Filson has worked tirelessly on behalf of the Meetinghouse project. She especially worked with Mr. Bill Keohan, the chair of the Community Preservation Committee to make sure that this proposal was presented properly to the Town of Plymouth. She was our spokesperson at Town Meeting, and her eloquent presentation carried the day despite strong opposition from some residents. Without her explanation of our vision for the Meetinghouse, the measure simply would not have passed. Among the things that she clarified for the meeting members was the scope of our plans for the facility. In order for it to become the Visitor Center and Museum that all of us are planning, many more grants and donations will be required. She also made it clear that we plan to endow the building for the extended future, just as we have done for the Mayflower House and our campus. We all owe FGG Filson a huge debt of gratitude for her engagement and ongoing efforts on behalf of this wonderful project.

We have committed ourselves to be responsible corporate citizens in the Town of Plymouth. Our part of that long-term relationship will be the development and maintenance of a new center of visitor and civic activity, right at the spot where the Pilgrim community began. This will be a major effort for years to come, and we will need the ongoing support of our Member Societies and our individual members. Of course it will mean that when our children and grandchildren visit Plymouth they will see a shining example of our vision and foresight. At the heart of the town that the Pilgrims founded, they will be able to learn about the hardships our ancestors faced and the accomplishments they achieved as they built their settlement in the New World. What an opportunity to leave a legacy for future generations! We appreciate your continuing support of this historic development.

Meetinghouse Fundraising Update - November 2018

submitted by the President of the Meetinghouse Charitable Trust, FGG Lea Sinclair Filson

A huge thanks to the South Carolina, Illinois, New Jersey, and Delaware Member Societies. Within twelve hours of the urgent plea for additional donations to the Meetinghouse, these generous Member Societies rose to the challenge, sending between them \$53,000.00 **allowing GSMD to accept the Meetinghouse from First Parish Church!**

There will be other generous donations added to the list in the coming days. The prospect of creating an education center in the Meetinghouse has energized our Society in a way that will make our 2020 Congress more meaningful than ever. Imagine holding our opening ceremonies in the Meetinghouse that was built as a memorial to our Pilgrim ancestors, knowing we will preserve it forever!

We are now at less than \$31,000 in outstanding Member Society pledges, toward collecting the entire \$3,000,000. There is no doubt that number will be met before the end of the year. Once we are sole owners of the Meetinghouse, work will begin on the exterior and we will face the journey of restoring and preserving this Pilgrim Iconic structure. We estimate spending \$8 to \$10 million on the interior as well as opening programming and operation of the Meetinghouse. Once done, it will generate revenue and become self-sustaining. That revenue will help us improve and grow our thriving lineage mission as well.

Please go to our blog at TheMayflowerSociety.org/Blog and read updates as we travel this path together. Watch soon for the announcement of a new website just for the Meetinghouse.

As of November 20, 2018, our accounting is as follows:

\$3,000,000 – Amount GSMD agreed to raise before accepting donation of the building
\$2,618,000 – Community Preservation Act grant from town of Plymouth
\$223,404 – GSMD Member Society and Individual member donations
\$75,000 – Family foundation donations
\$53,000 – Additional money from South Carolina, Illinois, New Jersey, and Delaware
Total - \$30,596 remaining in outstanding pledges

This is the largest project GSMD has taken on in its history, but it is a legacy we will pass down to our future descendants. By assuming the responsibility of keeping this historic treasure available to future generations, we can be assured we are educating the public about the *Mayflower* story and its importance to western civilization.

What an amazing accomplishment together we are achieving. What a tribute to our *Mayflower* Pilgrim ancestors. What a legacy to our future generations. That one small candle will soon become an eternal flame.

Pilgrim Costumes = Meetinghouse Donations!

Vicki Smith of the South Carolina Society has come up with a novel way of making regular Meetinghouse donations. Vicki makes Pilgrim costumes, and she is setting a fundraising goal to make ten *Mayflower* costumes for ladies that are interested, and donating her profits (**\$300 per costume**) towards the Meetinghouse purchase! She hopes to raise \$3,000.00 from this project. She has made three costumes so far (including her own), in progress on one, with a couple of folks interested who haven't finalized colors or designs or their order.

Vicki has been sewing since she was a small child. She has a blog on her sewing adventures that tells all about her costuming adventures: www.AccidentalCostumer.com. If you are interested in having a custom-made costume for 2020, you can contact Vicki at VickiSmith@aol.com!

◀ *South Carolina Mayflower Society members Vicki Smith and Bonnie Wade Mucia in front of the Mayflower Society House during Congress 2017 wearing their Pilgrim attire made by Vicki.*



Member Society News

SOCIETY OF MAYFLOWER DESCENDANTS IN EUROPE

submitted by Governor Nancy Naro

As the end of 2018 approaches, I would like to share with you some of the topics of interest that have engaged our attention this year.

PRIVACY: As you are aware, private and public societies and organizations in the U.K. are at present subject to the European General Data Protection Regulation. I am grateful to Alistair Angus, our Member-at-Large, who worked diligently with me to comply with the Regulation. As you know, I was required to contact each member to request your consent to hold your membership details and to allow me to contact you regarding Society matters. Only four members did not reply to my request and I am very grateful that I can now keep in touch.

MEMBERSHIP: The Society has reached our 2018 target of 70 members and according to our Historian, Molly Wagner (molly-jwagner@yahoo.com), there are several applications in the pipeline. The Society acknowledges general queries about dual membership, family memberships and supplementary ancestry lines. We do not offer lifetime memberships. We rely on word of mouth, email, Skype and GSMD to forward to us the requests that come in about U.K./Europe Society membership. The monthly American in Britain magazine regularly posts our notices as does our public

Facebook page which is managed by our Communications Officer, David Medeiros: [Contact:facebook.com/MayflowerEurope](https://www.facebook.com/MayflowerEurope).

HELP WITH HISTORICAL QUERIES: We post findings about *Mayflower* ancestors and events on our private and public Facebook pages as well as queries about *Mayflower* passengers. A recent request comes from Gina Coles, Secretary of Heritage for Dartmouth, Devon, England (ginacoles@btinternet.com). Gina establishes contacts with people in the West Country of the U.K who have a connection to the *Mayflower* experience. One person of interest is John Newcomen who was murdered by *Mayflower* passenger John Billington in 1630. John Billington was the first man to be hanged for murder. The Newcomen name is well known in Dartmouth, Devon and although Gina believes that this particular Newcomen was from Lincolnshire, it is possible that there are family links to Thomas Newcomen of Dartmouth, who invented the first steam engine in England in 1712. As often happens in historical pursuits, the spelling of Newcomen may have been changed from Newcome-in, meaning a newly arrived person, but John Newcomen's arrival in America has not turned up on passenger lists.

MAYFLOWER400uk: If you are plan-

ning to visit the U.K. and Leiden, I recommend the official U.K. *Mayflower400* website: (www.Mayflower400uk.org). Of particular note is a map of *Mayflower*-related sites which regularly updates events, tours, and accommodation in the U.K. and Leiden. On the 22nd of November, I will attend a *Mayflower400* conference in Plymouth, England to familiarize myself with events that might be of interest to our members, including schedules of live performances about the *Mayflower* experience.

PLYMOUTH ROCK IN THE U.K.: Our Society Treasurer, Greg Geissler, will organize a tour next February to Union Chapel in London where there is a fragment of Plymouth Rock. If interested, please contact him for details: ggeiss@yahoo.com.

DUES: Dues for 2019 will be unchanged at \$37.00. Please meet the 31 December 2018 deadline and make out checks to: SMD in Europe and mail to: Virginia Mucciaccio, 14 Thompson St., Dedham, MA 02026-4911

On behalf of the officers of the Society, I thank you for your continued support and wish you a very pleasant Thanksgiving.

Michigan Society Visits Archives

The Board of Assistants of the Michigan Society held its October board meeting at the Archives of Michigan in Lansing. Board members were treated to a private tour of the Archives and allowed admission inside the Vault, an area restricted to Michigan's Archivists. They learned about the state's interesting collections, with some documents dating back to 1792. The Archives houses more than 80 million state and local government records and private papers. It also holds more than 300,000 photographs and 500,000 maps.



Inside the Vault storage area, left to right: Craig Rich (Membership Secretary); Cindy Schmitt (Historian for Juniors); Thora Goodnight (Treasurer); Elizabeth Williams (Recording Secretary); and Grace Bliss Smith (Governor).

Texas Size Plans for 2020

Gone to Texas, should be pronounced with a certain Texas inflection! Gone to Texas is a 2020 commemorative book composed of stories by members describing their paths to Texas by way of 1620 Plymouth.

The Texas Society will also host a fall 2020 state-wide picnic at Washington on the Brazos State Historical Park, the site "Where Texas became Texas" in 1836. The Texas Juniors 2020 Committee will plan activities for the youth and all event updates will be posted on the Texas Society website.

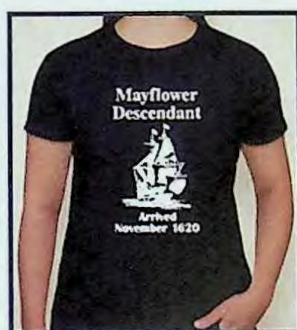
A handiwork project for Texas Society members of any age will be Pilgrim-themed needlework displays at the State Fair of Texas or other Texas fairs and at rodeos in 2020. Entries will not only be unique to these fairs but our talented members will be educating the public about the story of the *Mayflower* Pilgrims.

A *Mayflower* descendant tee shirt is included in the Texas 2020 commemoration events. These are affordable and perfect for gift giving, family reunions and for Juniors as well as adults. For selections and ordering information please visit the Texas Society website.

At the 2020 state meeting in San Antonio, the newly formed Texas Mayflower Guard organized by Texas Governor Mike Nichols and GSMD Mayflower Guard Jim Battles, will open our meeting with a special memorial service. Jim Battles has a concise costume procurement guide for men, women and children available at the Texas Mayflower Society website. The Texas Mayflower Guard includes women and Juniors!

The Texas Mayflower Society is telling stories on the airwaves! Many Texas radio stations are being contacted and are interested in airing ten professionally recorded 30 second public service announcements which share some of the rarely told accounts of our ancestors.

As the 2020 Commemoration Committee continues to meet, other event suggestions will be finalized and the updated information will be available at the Texas Mayflower Society website: texasmayflower.com.



Governor General visits California Society



Governor General George Garmany visited the California Member Society in October to celebrate the early conditional acceptance of the GSMD *Mayflower* float in the Tournament of Roses® parade on January 1, 2020.

California is looking forward to sharing this wonderful experience commemorating our Pilgrim ancestors and educating the public with their Pilgrim cousins throughout the land! To contribute and/or see further details please go to the website: www.CAMayflower.org!

◀ Left to right: Gail Raser; San Diego Colony, Sue Butler; Orange County Colony, Governor General George Garmany, Marcia Huntley Maloney; California State Governor, Kathleen Loftman; San Diego Colony, Myles Standish; Redwood Empire Colony and Ray Raser; San Diego Colony. Thanks to San Diego Colony Governor, Budd Lee for the photo!

Delaware Society Celebrates 60 Years



The founding meeting of the Society of Mayflower Descendants in Delaware (SMDD) was held October 11, 1958. Governor General George Garmany will help our membership celebrate this special anniversary when he speaks at our Compact Day Luncheon and Annual Meeting on 17 November 2018.

This summer, a subcommittee of our Board of Assistants developed a mission statement for the Society that we trust will greatly assist our board, as well as future boards of assistants, to evaluate and make decisions on where and how best to direct our efforts and finances in pursuing the aims of our Society.

In September, a number of our members joined Maryland Governor Tim Mallory and members of the Maryland Society for a sail on the *Kalmar Nyckel*, a Dutch-built armed merchant ship famed for carrying Swedish settlers to North America in 1638, to establish the colony of New Sweden in Delaware. The weather was glorious as our Societies enjoyed a great day of fellowship together aboard Delaware's tall ship.

On Friday, 16 November 2018 in Newark, Delaware, we will host our first ever community outreach program that commemorates the Pilgrim and American foundations of Faith, Family and Freedom that is embodied and memorialized in our nation's Thanksgiving holiday. The program, Thanksgiving Remembered includes the interesting history of the holiday itself, along with Governor William Bradford's first person account of significant events that explain how these Pilgrims came to symbolize the spirit and soul of our future nation. A time of refreshments, musket drill and firing, period games and "make-n-take crafts" will follow the program presentation. We hope that this program will become an annual Thanksgiving tradition for many families in our community.



Maine Society Remembers Past Governor

submitted by Governor Carla Rigby

The Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of Maine is delighted to announce that 34 new members have had their papers accepted in Plymouth. Thank you, Ellen Stevens Newton, for her phenomenal work as Maine Historian!

The Society's general meetings have increased in attendance due to a superb group of speakers including Michael Dekker and Paul Daiute, living history presenters, who spoke of the great influence of Maine upon the Pilgrims. This meeting was held in Boothbay Harbor, Maine where the town sign greeting visitors states "We Fed The Pilgrims." It is known that our Pilgrim ancestors were on Monhegan Island in 1622 and that the Cushnoc Trading Post (near Augusta, Maine) was established in 1628.

Our May Scholarship Meeting was held in Bangor, Maine where Yale Graduate Shane Roberts of Atlanta, Georgia held the audience captive as he spoke of the reasons why the Pilgrims left England. Scholarships were awarded to Brett Martin, Juliana Marks, Annaliese Marks, Meghan Schneider and Daniel Hill. Essay winners were Abbey Junkins and Riley Sturdivant Stevens.

The Maine Society also remembers Past Governor Horace Moody of Maine has passed away at the age of 95. Horace was an exemplary member of the Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of Maine. Our records show that he was the Hospitality Chairman and Member-at-Large in 1975, Captain in 1977, Deputy Governor 1978-1981 and Governor from 1981-1984. What made Horace so remarkable is that he continued his interest in the Maine Mayflower Society and continued to play a role on the Maine Board of Assistants until only very recently and served on the board from 1984 to 2018. Horace is survived by children Horace True Moody III, Anne E. Tewhey, Sally Moody and Jill Steinmann.



▲ Paul Diaute and Michael Dekker, Living History Presenters 'Why the Pilgrims Saught Food' in Maine



Ohio Society Continues Silver Book Donations

The Society of Mayflower Descendants in the state of Ohio has been working for the last several years to provide collections of Silver Books to research libraries around the state. Sometimes our members take the initiative of providing books for a local library. Hudson resident Chris Karman, a member of the Western Reserve Colony of the Society of Mayflower Descendants, has generously donated the books to complete the Hudson Library & Historical Society's collection.

Pictured from left to right, front row: Gwen Mayer (librarian), Julia Karman (Junior member), back row: Western Reserve Colony members John Franklin, Ann Gulbransen (SMDOH Historian), Jill Parker (Lt. Governor of Western Reserve Colony), John Lennon and Chris Karman (donor).



On October 2, 2018, Ohio Society Governor Sandra St. Martin and representatives from the Columbus Colony presented a complete collection of available *Mayflower Families* Silver Books to the Marietta Ohio Genealogical Library.

Pictured from left to right are Columbus Colony Director Charles Mays, Columbus Colony Lt. Governor Sharon Hendershot, Governor Sandra St. Martin, Columbus Colony member Mary Dellinger (who arranged the donation), Columbus Colony member Lila Hall, Collection Librarian Barbara Wainwright, and Marietta Library Director Justin Mayo.

North Dakota and South Dakota Host Governor General

The two Dakota Societies had the privilege of hosting Governor General George Garmany at their meetings the first weekend of October held in each capital city. Ken Callison, IA, Former Captain General, was also a guest Saturday 6 October in Pierre SD and Sunday 7 October 2018 in Bismarck ND.

The South Dakota Society members shown here with Dr. Garmany on the top left from left to right: Duane Anderson, Governor; Ardith Miller; Dr. Garmany; Brenda Dahlin, Asst. Historian; Evan Tarrell; Kathy Tarrell; Lois Thompson; Jackie Dubois; Anita Nachtigal (partially hidden); Marti Bobertz, Historian; John Leffer; Marla McLaughlin; Sue Larson; Carter Wiese and Sharon Wiese, Secretary. Marla is holding traveling turkeys that she will take home with her. This tradition was



started about ten years ago where a member wins the turkeys to spend the year with them and come back and share their stories. The turkeys have traveled throughout the United States, Europe and have even crossed the Panama Canal.

North Dakota members, shown bottom left and right, that spent the afternoon in the newly remodeled Cultural Heritage Center in Bismarck from left to right: James Billey; Ken Callison; Rhys Harries; Alison Harries; Dianne Billey; Phil LaQua, Governor; Andrea Rootham; Stella Papacheck; Diane Resvick; Connie Norheim; Sandy Sidler; Susan Kinkle, Treasurer; Marti Bobertz, Historian; Nancy Englerth (seated); Clint Wanek; Vickie Held (seated), Secretary and Dr. Garmany. Much of the discussion at the meeting centered on plans for displays in libraries across North Dakota as the 2020 Legacy Project.



Alabama Society's 2020 T-Shirts

Gulf Coast Mayflower Colony, submitted by Lt. Governor Kevin Sellen

The Gulf Coast Mayflower Colony, based in Mobile, Alabama, was founded in 1986. A primary goal of our new leadership is to offer activities that would interest not only our members, but their Mayflower-Society-eligible family members as well. So far this year, our Colony activities have included an organizational "Meet & Eat" gathering on 20 March in Daphne, Alabama; our Annual Spring Meeting and Luncheon on 19 May in Spanish Fort, Alabama; and our wooden sailing vessel adventure/cruise followed by a "Meet & Eat" on 22 September in Orange Beach, Alabama. Next up is our Compact Day Seminar with Caleb Johnson on 10 November in Mobile. Photos and videos of our events can be viewed on our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/GulfCoastMayflowerColony. Our Colony's official webpage can be found at www.GulfCoastMayflowerColony.org.

In anticipation of the 2020 Commemoration, our Colony is raising money to fund our plans for the commemoration year and to reestablish our ability to grant scholarships. To this end, we are taking orders for t-shirts with a design based on the Mayflower 400 emblem. These shirts are appropriate for anyone descended from Pilgrims, not just Society Members. They are meant to heighten the visibility of the upcoming commemoration year as well as let descendants show their "Pilgrim Pride." For further information on pricing, ordering, etc. please contact Kevin Sellen, Lt. Governor of the Gulf Coast Colony at tjk5405@mediacombb.net



► *The whole bunch at our May 19th Spring Meeting and Luncheon in Spanish Fort, Alabama. (L-R) SMDAL Governor Alan M. Davis, Darlene Davis, Tom Peterson, Karen Whiddon Peterson, GCC Elder Roger McCay, Sawyer House, Alyssa House, Yasmun House, Bryan House, Shirley House, GCC Secretary Brenda House Gouge, Stan Gouge, Lavern Smith, Dalton James Smith, Barbara LaGreca, Bridgette LaGreca, John Holmes Smith IV, Bill Lies, GCC Treasurer Jane Lies, Mark Fossum and Mary Medberry. Not pictured, but in attendance: GCC Lt. Governor Kevin Sellen (who took the photo) and GCC Captain Jeremy Sellen.*



Join us for
Heritage Week
2019!



Members are cordially invited to attend the 3rd Annual GSMD Heritage Week Breakfast held on Wednesday, 10 April 2019, at 7:30 a.m. at the Army Navy Club, 901 Seventeenth St, NW, Washington, D.C. 20006.

Program: A Deserving Brother: George Washington and Freemasonry

Mark Tabbert is the Director of Collections at the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association in Alexandria, VA. He the author of *American Freemasons: Three Centuries of Building Communities* (NYU Press, 2005) and *George Washington's Rules for Freemasons in Life and Lodge* (Macoy's Publishing, 2017).

Online registration and more information is available on the GSMD website at www.theMayflowerSociety.org/HeritageWeek2019

Please share this invitation with your members and post on your Society website! We look forward to seeing you. If you have any questions, please email Secretary General Jane E. Groves Riddell Hurt at SecretaryGeneral@TheMayflowerSociety.org.

If you would prefer to register over the phone, please contact Kathy Liolios at 508-746-3188 Ext. 25.

Get involved with your Family!

The following Pilgrim Family Societies have partnered with GSMD. For information on how your Family Society can participate, please visit www.TheMayflowerSociety.org. If your Family Society is partnered with GSMD, please send us your news!

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This position requires someone with proven experience in formatting a manuscript using Microsoft Word styles. The manuscript may or may not be formatted when it comes to you. The styles must be defined according to the Guidelines for Silver Books.

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Historian Appreciation

In the fall issue we asked members to let us know if they wanted to send their appreciation to their Member Society Historian who assisted them with their lineage applications for membership. Several of our members have replied as follows.

Judith Hughes of Arizona writes....

I would like to recognize Maura Mackowski, Historian for the Arizona Mayflower Society, for her outstanding service to prospective members. After many years of searching for documentation regarding my ancestors, she provided new insight as to how I might proceed as well as offering continual encouragement as I continued my quest. Even while exhaustive searches were needed she responded quickly to my many questions and has continued encouraging me as I have pursued several supplemental applications. Maura is truly a gem and one of our unsung heroes!

Linda Smith of Arkansas writes.....

I was just reading my recent copy of *Mayflower Quarterly* and wanted to recognize my historian. Her name is Judith Shannon from Arkansas. She is awesome. She works at getting prospective members through the process as quickly as possible. I have heard many in our group talk about how much help she gave them. From my personal experience, I had difficulty proving my great grandmother, but Judi worked with me and did much research on her own until I was finally able to be approved. She is very friendly. She keeps her paperwork up to date. She is one in a million! I descend from William & Susannah White through their second son, Peregrine. My two grandchildren are now Junior members. From a trip my husband and I took to Plymouth, I have taken our photos to my grandchildren's classrooms and shared. I plan to do so again this November.

Linda Kay Vandenberg White of Arkansas writes...

I would like to recognize Arkansas Member Society Historian, Judith (Judy) Shannon. She has single-handily increased our membership by 20%!!! Judy goes the extra mile and often does research for people. I remember once she asked me if she should drive across town to pick up a document for a prospective member, because the pm did not have time. I told Judy I would not do that because I think a pm needs to help with their own application; but Judy did it anyway and Arkansas had a new member. Judy encourages members to do supplementals. Although Judy belongs to other heritage groups, her heart is with GSMD and ASMD!! She has been the Arkansas Historian for 10 years and as of last year Judy is also the Deputy Governor!

Theresa "Terri" Brown of Ohio writes....

I would like to recognize Ann Gulbransen of the Ohio Mayflower Society. She is not only the Historian for the Ohio Mayflower Society, she is also the Acting Treasurer for the Ohio Society, editor of the *Buckeye Mayflower Newsletter* and Treasurer for the Western Reserve Colony. And her creativity knows no bounds! She has even figured out how to list all 11 of my (known) Mayflower ancestors on name tags and table tents. Not an easy feat! Ann can also be spotted at the Western Reserve Colony gatherings snapping photos for the Ohio Society web site and the Colony Facebook page. On behalf of all *Mayflower* cousins in the Buckeye State – Thank You, Ann!

Judy Stewart of Mississippi writes....

Diane Coleman-Horne was the Historian of the Mississippi Society from the fall of 2014 to May of 2018. She went above and beyond for prospective members, including traveling to other states to get information. When I was researching my mother's line, she sent me phone numbers, email addresses, and valuable advice for dealing with a variety of northeastern states. Her diligence increased our membership totals to a new high, allowing Mississippi to send an additional delegate to Plymouth.

Lynda Hylander of Hawaii writes....

What a wonderful idea to recognize the outstanding work of Society Historians! I would like to recognize Jennifer Mitten. Jennifer lives in Texas and I believe she is the past Texas Historian, but currently she serves as the historian for the Hawaii Mayflower Society. And she is awesome! She helped me with my initial application and then five more supplementals. And I understand we have seven or eight new members thanks to her diligence and hard work. We newer members of the Hawaii Society are most appreciative of her dedication and hard work on our behalf. Mahalo nui e Jennifer!

Member Society Juniors Prepare for 2020

submitted by Beth Anderson Godfrey

What are your Member Society Juniors doing for 2020? Are they working on special projects? Send us news of your Junior members' plans.

Florida Juniors, by Clara Waterman Powell, Junior Chair

Junior sponsors will be contacted and asked to have the Juniors in their families write a few sentences about what the 2020 Commemoration means to them. Juniors and members will be sharing these legacies on the Florida website www.flMayflower.com found at the *Mayflower* Juniors 2020 tab.

A Legacy Tree will begin taking shape in 2019, as Juniors furnish a photo of themselves to be hung and displayed at meetings. All new Juniors receive a distinct certificate, a booklet about the *Mayflower* and biographies of their ancestors.

New Hampshire Juniors, by Sandra Taylor-Stockus, Junior Chair

The New Hampshire Juniors are in the planning stages of an ambitious 2020 Junior Project. An elm tree will be planted, and a bronze cast of the *Mayflower Compact* will be set onto granite. Both these projects will be historic, educational and fun for both Juniors and adult members. With this tree and plaque we have something tangible; as we watch our tree grow, we will witness our Juniors mature into adults.

Texas Juniors, by Peggy Marsh, Junior Chair

A Junior 2020 Commemoration Committee is led by Houston Colony Junior, Allison Sharer. While organizing 2020 activities for Juniors, Allison is also working to complete her Gold Award, the highest award a Girl Scout can earn. The Sharer family will become "Petal Pushers" when they travel to Pasadena, California, to participate in the decoration of the California Mayflower Society float for the 2020 Rose Parade* on January 1, 2020. The three Texas siblings, all Texas Juniors, will participate in the once in a lifetime opportunity to be a part of the 400th Anniversary commemorative float.



News regarding the *Mayflower Journal*

The fall 2018 issue of the *Mayflower Journal* will be the final edition of the publication. Susan Roser acted as Interim Editor to get this last issue out. The Mayflower Society has decided to discontinue the *Journal* in order to reunite the *Journal's* content with *The Mayflower Quarterly Magazine*, in the same way it has been traditionally published since 1935. Current subscribers have multiple options for applying their unfulfilled *Mayflower Journal* subscription proceeds:

- For non-members, unfulfilled *Mayflower Journal* subscription proceeds may be applied to a new subscription to *the Mayflower Quarterly Magazine* at a rate of \$24 per year (for four quarterly magazines); OR they may choose to apply their unfulfilled subscription proceeds to a one-time unrestricted gift to the Society which would represent a tax deductible charitable donation; OR they may request a refund in full.
- Because members already receive *The Mayflower Quarterly Magazine* as a free member benefit, members may choose to apply their unfulfilled subscription proceeds to a one time unrestricted gift to the Society which would represent a tax deductible charitable donation; OR they may request a refund in full.

If you have not already done so, please let us know how you would like to proceed with your *Journal* subscription and we will take the appropriate action. Our Membership Manager, Georgi Hess can be reached at 508-746-3188 ext. 26 or by emailing her at Membership@TheMayflowerSociety.org.

We thank you for your interest in the *Mayflower Journal* and hope that you will choose to follow our continuing research work through *The Mayflower Quarterly Magazine*!

In Memoriam

The Mayflower Quarterly Magazine publishes notices of the passing of current and past General Society and Member Society officers, as well as honoring members who have almost reached or passed the age of 100.

VIRGINIA JOST, Member of the North Dakota Society passed away October 10, 2018 at the age of 98. She joined the Society in 1949, a member for 69 years, and was descended from John Howland

HORACE MOODY, Past Governor, Deputy Governor, Captain and Member-at-Large of the Maine Society, passed away September 22, 2018 at the age of 95. Horace joined the Society in 1973 and was descended from Alden, Mullins, Bradford, Brewster, Chilton, Samson, Tilley and Warren.

NANCY NORRIS, Past Recording Secretary of the Florida Society, passed away September 4, 2018.





General Board of Assistants meeting
St. Charles, Illinois,
September 8, 2018

MINUTES

The Annual Meeting of the General Board of Assistants of the General Society of Mayflower Descendants was called to assemble by Assistant Governor General Susan E. Roser on Saturday, September 08, 2018, at the Pheasant Run Resort in Saint Charles, Illinois. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Governor General George P. Garmany Jr., MD with Secretary General Jane E. Hurt in attendance.

Governor General Garmany announced the appointment of two timekeepers for this meeting, Stephen Gibbon of New Jersey and Lisa Pennington of Texas. Gregory Thompson of Connecticut assisted with the microphones for this meeting. Elder General Rev. Dr. Thomas F. Pike Jr. gave the invocation.

The new *Mayflower Guard*, under the command of James B. Battles of Maryland, presented the colors including the Flag of the United States of America, Canada and the General Society. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was led by Captain General Jeff Stark.

The Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of Illinois, John Schellinger, Governor, brought greetings.

Governor General Garmany recognized Former Governors General, Mildred Ramos of Virginia and Lea S. Filson of Louisiana. Former Assistant Governors General, Donald W. West of Florida, Lea S. Filson of Louisiana, Massachusetts and Europe, and George P. Garmany of Colorado, Massachusetts and Europe were also recognized for being present.

The Illinois Society Governor, John Schellinger, introduced Illinois Alderman, Lora Vitak.

Governor General Garmany welcomed Executive Director of the Pilgrim Monument and the Provincetown Museum, David Weidner, along with Family Tree DNA, Group Projects Team Assistant Manager, James Brewster.

The GSMD Staff introduced by Governor General Garmany were Executive Director Susan Belekewicz, Director of

Genealogical and Research Services Marti Bobertz, Communications Manager Tina Scott and Development Manager Christopher Lee. The necrology of officers was read by Elder General Rev. Dr. Thomas F. Pike Jr. as follows.

IN MEMORIAM

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GENERAL SOCIETY OFFICERS

Bette Innes Bradway, Former Historian General (2002-2005), and Co-Historian of the New York Society, passed away 31 July 2018 at the age of 80. Bette joined the Albany Colony in 1976 and was descended from William Brewster and Stephen Hopkins. She also served as Colony Lieutenant Governor (1988-1994), Colony Historian for 20 years and NY Society Historian (1989 to 2002), assisting more than 800 applicants, and Co-Historian (2005-2018). In 1991 she was appointed GSMD's first Assistant Historian General. (See the fall issue, p.20 for more.)

MEMBER SOCIETY OFFICERS

Dr. John Marshall Pogue, MD, Surgeon of the District of Columbia Society passed away 28 July 28, 2018 at the age of 72 years. John joined the Society in 1969 through his descent from William Bradford. Society members will remember John who attended Congresses and who was active in the Governor William Bradford Compact. He is survived by brothers Richard and William, both Society members.

Jerry Patrick Hill, Past Governor of the Wisconsin Society, passed away 2 June 2018. He joined the Society in 1989 and was a descendant of John Alden. He is survived by children Steven, Michael, Lynda and Brian and eight grandchildren.

Priscilla M. (Whittemore) Winslow, Past Captain of the Maine Society, passed away 10 April 2018. She joined the Society in 1998, a descendant of Stephen Hopkins. She is survived by her husband Carl, son Carl Jr. and two grandchildren.

Florence Jeanette 'Jean' (Cutler) Slater, Past Governor of the North Carolina Society passed away 8 January 2018. Jean joined

the Society in 1955, a member of the Society for 63 years and was descended from William Bradford, William Brewster, Stephen Hopkins, John Howland and Thomas Rogers. Jean leaves behind children, Nancy, Brad and Charles.

Betty Jane (Grierson) Houston, Past Historian of the Washington Society (2002-2005), passed away 15 December 2017. A descendant of John Alden, William Mullins and Richard Warren, she joined the Society in 1999. She leaves behind children Susan, James and Barbara as well as four grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

SOCIETY CENTENARIANS

Martha (Hersey) Simmons, Member of the Texas Society, she joined in 1992 through her descent from William Brewster. She was 100 years of age when she passed away 9 June 2018.

Marian Clair (Snow) Busey, Member of the Colorado Society, passed away 2 June 2018, two months shy of her 106th birthday. She joined the Society in 1976 through her descent to Peter Brown.

William Henry Forsyth II, Member of the Florida Society passed away 24 May 2018 in his 104th year. He joined the Society in 1983 and was descended from William Brewster.

Irene Gertrude (Higgins) Wormer, Member of the Wisconsin Society passed away 19 October 2017 at the age of 103. Irene joined the Society in 1976 and was a Francis Cooke descendant. She is survived by sons Glen and Bernie.

Governor General Garmany recognized the *Mayflower Guard* in attendance led by Commander James B. Battles of Maryland, Noel Kuhrt of Delaware, Charles Provost of Indiana, Foster Ockerman of Kentucky, Timothy Mallory of Maryland, Lee Martin of Ohio, Cathy Bambenek of Texas and David Green of Louisiana.

The *Mayflower Guides* for this meeting, Anna Hyde, Claire Hyde, Matthew Hyde and Lizzy Hyde were introduced by Governor General Garmany.

Mary Scout, Professional Registered Parliamentarian, was appointed and welcomed by Governor General Garmany. Mrs. Scout gave an overview of parliamentary procedure including the role of the

parliamentarian.

Secretary General Jane E. Hurt read the nominees to the General Society offices of the offices of Deputy Governors General and Assistants General for election.

ARKANSAS: AG Nominee Jimmy Weber

CANADA: AG Nominee Maureen McGee

COLORADO:

DGG Nominee Michelle L. Brown

AG Nominee Richard Jeffords

LOUISIANA:

DGG Nominee Lydia Ozenberger, Esq.

AG Nominee Mara Coiron

MAINE: DGG Nominee Virginia Link

MARYLAND:

DGG Nominee James B. Battles

AG Nominee Timothy Mallory

MINNESOTA:

DGG Nominee Lorraine 'Lorrie' A. Link

AG Nominee Gregory Oxley

MISSOURI: DGG Nominee Keith Morris

NORTH DAKOTA:

DGG Nominee Phillip LaQua

SOUTH CAROLINA:

DGG Nominee Bonnie Wade Mucia

VERMONT:

DGG Nominee Randy L. Roberts

AG Nominee Cynthia Roberts

WYOMING:

AG Nominee Autumn Mayberry

MOTION: Secretary General Hurt moved "the election of these 17 officer nominees." Adopted.

Roll Call

Secretary General Hurt began the roll call with the General Officers, the Former Governors General and the Former Assistant Governors General; the following were present:

Executive Committee Officers

Governor General George P. Garmany Jr., MD
Assistant Governor General Susan E. Roser
Secretary General Jane E. Groves Riddell Hurt
Treasurer General Elizabeth 'Liz' W.

Gaudreau, CPA

Historian General Marjorie 'Midge' K. Hurtuk

Counsellor General Richard S. Gilmore, Esq.

Captain General Jeff Stark

Elder General Rev. Dr. Thomas F. Pike Jr.

Surgeon General Naomi S. Mann, MD

Executive Committee Members-at-Large

Lisa H. Pennington, Esq.

Donald T. Studley, CPA

Jane Duxbury Schleinzner

Former Governors General

Mildred Ramos

Lea Sinclair Filson

Former Assistant Governors General

Donald W. West

Secretary General Hurt continued the roll call of the General Board of Assistants; the following were present, Deputy Governors General and Assistants General:

Alabama DGG Alan M. Davis

AG Ann R. Ferguson

Arizona DGG Andrew Turner

Arkansas AG Jimmie Weber

California DGG Patricia Friesen

AG Marcia Maloney

Canada AG Maureen McGee

Colorado DGG Michelle L. Brown

AG Richard 'Jeff' Jeffords

Connecticut DGG Gregory E. Thompson

AG Mary Brown

Delaware DGG Noel H. Kuhrt Jr.

AG Robert J. Hanson Jr.

District of Columbia

Acting DGG Beth Hicks

Europe Acting DGG Virginia A. Mucciaccio

Florida DGG Reynolds Cushing

Acting AG James Preston

Georgia Acting DGG Julia 'Judy' Farrigan

Illinois DGG John Schellinger

Acting AG Cary Stone-Greenstein

Indiana DGG Chuck Provost

AG Laura Smith

Iowa AG Ken Callison

Kansas Acting DGG Della J. Regenold

Acting AG Don H. Daniels

Kentucky Acting DGG Martina

Ockerman amended*

AG Benjamin J. Talbot Jr.

Louisiana Acting DGG David

Green amended*

AG Mara Coiron

Maine AG Carla Rigby

Maryland DGG James B. Battles

AG Timothy Mallory

Massachusetts Acting DGG William Tinney

Acting AG Barbara-Lee Kelly

Michigan DGG Grace Bliss Smith

AG June R. Gorman

Minnesota DGG Lorraine 'Lorrie' A. Link

AG Gregory Oxley

Mississippi DGG Charles M. Johnson

AG Nancy Harrison

Nebraska DGG Gretchen Harvey

Acting AG Martin Beerman

New Hampshire Acting DGG Heather Rojo

New Jersey DGG Nancy Popielarski

AG Stephen Gibbon

New Mexico DGG Faith Edwards

New York DGG Adelaide P. Farah

AG Susan Abanor

North Carolina DGG Michael C. Keleher

Acting AG Meg Peet Averett

Ohio Acting DGG Lee Martin

Pennsylvania Acting DGG Reed Kneale

Rhode Island AG William Ulmschneider

South Carolina DGG Bonnie Wade Mucia

AG Marylen Jackson

South Dakota DGG Carter O. Wiese

AG Sharon C. Wiese

Tennessee Acting DGG Roger Tenney

Texas DGG Michael S. Nichols

AG Judie Allen

Vermont DGG Randy L. Roberts

AG Cynthia Roberts

Virginia Acting DGG James H. Maloney

Wisconsin Acting DGG Diane Liebert

AG Charlene Janeczko

Wyoming DGG Elwood M. Porter II

Motion to Seat Members and Acting Members

MOTION: Secretary General Hurt moved "the roll call officers be seated." The motion was amended to include "Kentucky Acting DGG Martina Ockerman and "Louisiana Acting DGG David Green. Adopted as amended.

Approval of Agenda

With no objections, the agenda was approved as presented.

Approval of Standing Rules

MOTION: DGG James B. Battles of Maryland moved "the Standing Rules be approved as distributed." There being a two-thirds in the affirmative, the motion was Adopted.

Approval of Minutes of the 10 September 2017 GBOA Meeting

The minutes of the 10 September 2017 General Board of Assistants Meeting held in Plymouth, Massachusetts, were approved as distributed by e-mail to GBOA members, printed in the December 2017 issue of *The Mayflower Quarterly Magazine* and posted on the GSMD website.

Actions of the Executive Committee

The actions of the Executive Committee dated 2 December 2017, 10 March 2018 and 23 June 2018 were distributed by e-mail to all General Board of Assistants

members. Therefore, only the actions of the meeting held in St. Charles, Illinois, dated 6 September 2018, were read.

**Executive Committee ACTIONS:
(2 December 2017)**

1. To adopt the agenda.
2. To approve the minutes of the 9 September 2017, Executive Committee meeting.
3. To ratify the minutes of the 13 September 2017, Executive Committee meeting.
4. To ratify the minutes of the 12 October 2017, Executive Committee conference call meeting.
5. To approve the minutes of the 9 November 2017, Executive Committee conference call meeting.
6. To ratify the action of the 12 October 2017, Executive Committee meeting to proceed with the Annual Appeal without Puerto Rico, the United Kingdom, Europe and other areas not under a Treaty with the United States.
7. To ratify the action of the 12 October 2017, Executive Committee meeting to proceed with setting up an Amazon Smile charitable organization account.
8. To ratify the action of the 12 October 2017, Executive Committee meeting to proceed with the Fall seeding service at \$685.
9. Approval of a die for a pin to be awarded to donors for the Mayflower Pilgrim Memorial Meetinghouse.
10. If a member purchases the Meetinghouse bar, it can be placed on the Member Society or GSMD ribbon.
11. To increase the Preliminary Review fee from \$25.00 to \$35.00 effective 1 January 2018.
12. Add a new hire full-time person for Preliminary Reviews.
13. To amend GSMD Policy #31 (p18) to include the Archivist appointed by the Governor General.
14. To amend GSMD Policy #30 (p22) to include the Archivist appointed by the Governor General.
15. To accept the Cazeault Roofing Proposal, not to exceed \$30,000.00, with the balustrade being preserved as GSMD property, and in the future a new balustrade will be replaced.
16. To pursue a contract with Memorial Hall for 2020 meetings and possible events.
17. To participate in the Plimoth Plantation Gala, 29 September 2018, and donate about \$200.00 worth of goods.

18. To proceed with obtaining Mayflower House ramp bids, so applications for grants may be pursued and obtained.

**Executive Committee ACTIONS:
(10 March 2018)**

1. To adopt the agenda.
2. To ratify the minutes of the 2 December 2017 Executive Committee Meeting.
3. To ratify the minutes of the 11 January 2018 Executive Committee Conference Call Meeting.
4. To approve the Minutes of the 14 February 2018 Executive Committee Conference Call Meeting as distributed.
5. To ratify the action of the 11 January 2018 Executive Committee Conference Call Meeting to authorize additional funds up to \$12,000.00 to pay for handyman services.
6. To ratify the action of the 11 January 2018 Executive Committee Conference Call Meeting for the GBOA Registration fee to be increased from \$35.00 to \$45.00.
7. To ratify the action of the 11 January 2018 Executive Committee Conference Call Meeting for the GBOA late Registration fee to be increased from \$50.00 to \$65.00.
8. To reschedule the Executive Committee Conference Call to Tuesday, 17 April 2018, 7:00 p.m. EST.
9. To accept the 40 guest rooms offered as a courtesy block at the Boston Park Plaza Hotel and contract for two boardrooms to be used on Monday, 14 September 2020, from 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. as changing rooms at \$300.00 each or best price.
10. To adopt the Proposed Amendment to Policy #59, Meeting Attendees' Expense Reimbursement, Item 9.
GSMD staff requested to conduct GSMD business at GBOA meetings will be paid their normal rate of pay, the total number of hours to be determined by the Executive Director. Those attending GBOA meetings will have their hotel room nights pre-approved and paid through the GSMD Master Account; the number of hotel room nights will be determined by the days and hours of work assigned. All other travel related costs being requested for reimbursement by the Staff will be reviewed and approved by the Executive Director prior to reimbursement to ensure the costs are appropriate and reasonable. IRS meals and incidentals per diem guidelines on acceptable limits for costs will be followed in addition to direct travel expenses. No additional room charges will be

considered reimbursable including incidentals, room service or alcohol. Registration fees do not apply to Staff. Staff not acting in their business role must pay from their own personal funds for any GBOA social activities he or she wishes to attend including those covered by the registration fee for members. Spouses do not qualify for any reimbursable expenses and must be registered if they are attending scheduled events.

11. To approve the purchase of 36 t-shirts all in one color with the GSMD logo for GBOA and Congress guides - to be paid for equally by CnG Stark, the IL Society and the CO Society and to be given to the guides as a gift for agreeing to serve.

12. The Virtual Reality company, 3rd Realm Creations, be invited to come to the June Executive Committee meeting to demonstrate their VR experience.

13. A \$50.00 donation level was agreed upon to entitle donors to purchase a pin.

**Executive Committee ACTIONS:
(23 June 2018)**

1. To adopt the agenda.
2. To ratify the minutes of the 10 March 2018 Executive Committee Meeting.
3. To ratify the minutes of the 17 April 2018 Executive Committee Conference Call Meeting.
4. To approve the Minutes of the 16 May 2018 Executive Committee Conference Call Meeting as distributed.
5. To ratify the action of the 17 April 2018 Executive Committee Conference Call Meeting to spend up to \$3,000.00 to preserve and renew trademarks.
6. To ratify the action of the 16 May 2018 Executive Committee Conference Call Meeting for the purchase of new computers and software at a cost of up to \$14,000.00 to be paid with funds from the Virginia McCambridge bequest.
7. To ratify the action of the 16 May 2018 Executive Committee Conference Call Meeting to add to GSMD Policy Manual, Expenses, Policy #4, Executive Committee Members Reimbursement, as follows:
Airfare charges must be within a reasonable range normally charged for the EC Member to travel from his/her home state to where the EC meeting, GBOA meeting or Congress meeting is held. Reasonable range is defined as the lowest available airfare that reasonably meets business travel needs without imposing undue burdens on the EC

member. Weather change fees and Acts of God causing a change of flight will be considered reimbursable. EC Members are encouraged to book flights at least 30 days in advance to avoid premium airfare pricing. Business-class or First-class tickets are not reimbursable, only the cost of a coach seat will qualify for reimbursement. Any costs incurred to secure more personal comfort will be borne by the EC member and not reimbursed by the General Society.

8. To ratify the action of the 16 May 16 2018 Executive Committee Conference Call Meeting to accept the Cazeault bid for roof replacement on the library at \$18,000.00 and proceed with replacement, monies to come from the Virginia McCambridge bequest.

9. To accept the Proposed Budget as presented.

10. To refer the Financial Bridge to 2021 to the Finance Committee and Trustees of the Pilgrim Endowment Fund for their recommendation.

11. To recommend Proposed Amendment # 1 to the Constitution and Bylaws, Article XII, Fees and Reports Required of a Member Society, Section 2: Annual Assessment, to the GBOA.

ARTICLE XII: FEES AND REPORTS REQUIRED OF A MEMBER SOCIETY

Section 2: Annual Assessment

To Amend by Substitution as follows:

Each Member Society shall pay to the General Society, not later than April 1st each year, a per capita assessment based on the Member Society membership count as of December 31st of the previous year. The per capita assessment amount to be determined by the Executive Committee and approved by the General Board of Assistants or General Congress. Any member who has been excused by the Members Society from paying dues while actively engaged in the armed forces of their country of allegiance will be excluded from the per capita assessment with a request for exclusion from the Member Society received by the General Society no later than December 31st of the year assessed. No other assessment shall be levied except by a two thirds vote of all Member Societies represented and voting at a General Board of Assistants meeting or Congress.

RATIONALE: To remove the dollar amount to allow the General Board of Assistants or General Congress to consider, adopt

and enact the amount based on the annual needs of the Society.

12. To recommend Proposed Amendment # 2 to the Constitution and Bylaws, Article XII, Fees and Reports Required of a Member Society, Section 4: Lineage Assessment, to the GBOA.

ARTICLE XII: FEES AND REPORTS REQUIRED OF A MEMBER SOCIETY

Section 4: Lineage Assessment

To Amend by Substitution as follows:

Each Member Society shall pay to the General Society, a lineage assessment determined by the General Board of Assistants or the General Congress with each original lineage paper and each supplemental line of descent, submitted to the Historian General's office for examination. The lineage assessment will be effective January 1st of the year following adoption.

RATIONALE: To remove a set dollar amount to allow the General Board of Assistants or General Congress to set the amount based on the annual needs of the Society.

13. To proceed with the presentation of the architectural proposal of the trellis handicap ramp to the Historic District Commission for approval. If approved by the Historic District Commission, grants will be pursued to offset costs.

14. The Preliminary Review to be renamed *Mayflower Lineage Match*.

15. To change the *Mayflower Lineage Match* from \$35.00 to \$45.00, effective July 1st.

16. To offer a discount to regular employees, those who have successfully completed their probationary period, of 25% off regular priced merchandise, excluding Silver Books and Insignia.

17. To merge the content of the *Mayflower Journal* and fold the information into the *Mayflower Quarterly Magazine* at the end of 2018.

18. To approve the Archive Access Procedures as amended.

Archives Access Procedures

Access to the following GSMD records shall be granted upon request to members in good standing of any Member Society of GSMD:

- a) Articles of organization
- b) Bylaws (or Bylaws and Constitution)
- c) The minutes of the meetings of General Board of Assistants and Congress where GSMD business is transacted.

These records shall be available at the Administrative Headquarters of GSMD (cur-

rently in Plymouth, Massachusetts), subject to the following limitations:

1) Requests for access to archival records must be made in writing at least 30 days prior to the date the member plans to arrive at the office. The request must include the specific documents the member wishes to review.

2) Requests shall be made to the Executive Director.

3) If the Executive Director will not be available on the proposed day that the member wishes to view the archival material, then a date that is mutually convenient to the Director and the member shall be arranged. If no date has been agreed upon, the member may not assume that permission has been granted on the day requested.

4) The requested records shall be provided to the member on the pre-arranged date, and used under the supervision of the Executive Director or a designee. (The Governor General, Secretary General, or GSMD Archivist may also serve this function if they are on the premises, but they shall not be required to travel to the Headquarters for this purpose.) The Executive Director will make a good faith effort to provide the requested documents but shall not be liable if records are inadvertently omitted.

5) Records shall be used during the pre-arranged time slot during normal office working hours of the Administrative office. Maximum of two hours a day with a maximum of two days a week for a one-week period.

6) Since many of the materials are fragile and in non-standard sizes, photocopying shall not be permitted. Use of photographic equipment to image the records shall be allowed, but flash photography will not be permitted.

19. To amend Policy #26, Mutual Advertising Exchange (by substitution) as follows:

Advertising will be permitted on a limited basis in the *Mayflower Quarterly Magazine*. The specific limitation is advertising may not exceed 10% of the magazine content of each issue. Advertisers will be restricted to Corporate and/or Non-profit Partners of the Society, Corporate Sponsors or Affiliates, GSMD member-owned enterprises or other organizations related to our mission. Proceeds from advertising will be used to offset

magazine production costs.

20. To transfer surplus Operating Cash remaining related to the FY 2018 budget from the Operating Cash Account to the Operating Reserve Cash Account, the amount to be determined once all applicable year end transactions from FY 2018 are complete.

21. To transfer surplus Capital Reserve Cash remaining related to the FY 2018 budget from the Operating Cash Account to the Capital Reserve Cash Account, the amount to be determined once all applicable year end transactions for FY 2018 are complete.

Executive Committee ACTIONS:

(6 September 2018)

1. To adopt the agenda.
2. To ratify the minutes of the 23 June 2018 Executive Committee meeting.
3. To ratify the minutes of the 18 July 2018 Executive Conference Call meeting.
4. To approve the minutes of the 8 August 2018 Executive Conference Call meeting.
5. To ratify the action of the 18 July 2018 Executive Committee Conference Call Meeting to approve the \$593.00 quote for electrical service in the Gift Shop.
6. The Executive Committee recommends to the General Board of Assistants for approval, the Opt-Out Policy become the 100-year confidentiality rule. In practice this means records will not be released within 100 years of the birth of the person named.
7. The Executive Committee recommends the Purchase Agreement between GSMD and Dee Clements, Artist, for the William Bradford sculpture be presented to the General Board of Assistants for approval.
8. The Executive Committee recommends to the General Board of Assistants for approval, the initiative called "Dress Like a Pilgrim" for the 2020 Congress.

Reports of the Executive Committee

Report of the Governor General

The first year of my term as Governor General has been full of amazing accomplishment, marked also by recognition of some striking deficiencies in how our Society operates.

Immediately after last Congress, we brought in Susan Belekewicz, our second Executive Director in our 120-year history. She brings with her a strikingly full experience in business and administration. It has been a real joy to work with her. Over the year there have been some staff changes that

she will explain. She has handled both veteran and new employees skillfully, and the staff in Plymouth remains a major strength of our organization.

We knew a year ago that there had been some water leakage in the cupola of the House. Shortly after Susan started as ED, she checked over the House and found leaks in the attic as well. Since the problem was bigger than what we anticipated, she had our roof contractor inspect the situation. We learned that the balustrade and the crest, key scenic elements of the house, were made of concrete or some other heavy compound much too heavy to be placed on a roof. Removal was recommended on an urgent basis, and over the next several weeks it became painfully obvious that the front balustrade and crest were physically tipping forward and about to pitch through the roofing of the front porch. Susan was able to get a dispensation from the Historical District, and the offending cement features were removed just before the first severe winter storm struck. If that had not been done, our entire façade and front porch would have been completely ruined. In due time – and when funds are available – we would like to replace those decorative features with lighter material, but for now, you may see the crest in our garden.

On my first trip to Plymouth last October, I made it a point to meet with as many staff members as I could. I was especially concerned about our verification process that was falling behind. I found a dedicated staff, struggling to keep up with the workload, while the number of applications was growing with each week's mail. I found that it was tiring enough, just learning about the physical work they do each day to adjust the piles of folders, taking some off the top, and replacing them with new applications at the bottom of the pile.

Again, Susan had already started looking into that problem, and the numbers she found were simply shocking. Depending on the math and the assumptions, we had been spending between \$145.00 and \$160.00 for each application or supplement that we were receiving, all for a process that we perform for \$75.00 each. Of course the shortfall has to be paid out of our member dues and any donations that we are fortunate enough to receive. Susan will report more detail, but staff has been able to reduce the cost of verifications over the last few months. Nonethe-

less, we are still losing over \$50.00 each time we perform our most important service. As you know, the price that we can charge is fixed in our Bylaws and it is impossible to adjust that until Congress 2020. The 400th Anniversary has us poised for dramatic membership growth, but that growth will cost us heavily unless we figure out how to change our operation dramatically.

Now, our ancestors faced far worse problems, and they figured out ways to keep the ship going. If we leverage modern technology, we will be able to drive down the costs of verification, but it will always be a labor-intensive enterprise. Susan Belekewicz will tell you about the IMIS software system that has been introduced to streamline data management in our organization.

Last spring our Historian General and Secretary General spent time working side by side with our verifiers, mostly doing Preliminary Reviews (now called *Mayflower Lineage Matches*.) They made important observations about obstacles that our staff was facing. It was possible to mitigate those problems by completely replacing old computers and software, all made possible by a bequest left to us by a former member of the Colorado Society. We will need to do a lot better, though, and part of that solution is the digitalization of our records. That project is moving along much quicker than expected. Once the records are fully digitized, the information will be indexed and become much more accessible to our staff. We are looking for ways to accelerate the verification process by avoiding the need to handle the papers during the process. I hope that everyone present will help us to move forward to a paperless verification review during the next two years.

Of course, digitizing the records comes with new problems that we are addressing. It is critical to protect the privacy of our living members. The Executive Committee has studied industry standards in these issues, and this Board will have the opportunity today to enact a policy that meets these standards.

As you know, we are currently publishing two periodicals. *The Mayflower Quarterly Magazine* carries information about our organization's activities, and the *Mayflower Journal* includes scholarly articles about the Pilgrims and Colonial America. Several months ago the Editor of the *Journal* resigned, and there was no replacement in

sight. We also received input from members who complained about the *Magazine*. They told us that they enjoyed the style and appearance of the publication, but all of the news was about people who seemed far removed from them. The Executive Committee reviewed the situation and decided to make a change. Beginning in 2019 we will include historical material in the *Quarterly Magazine*, and we are inviting articles that will inform and engage all of our members. We will stop publishing the *Journal* after the autumn, 2018 issue and focus our attention on the *Magazine*.

Now I want to share good news with you. Work has continued on the Bradford statue and we continue to expect that it will be ready for Congress 2020. Here are a few pictures of the latest model, which is about one foot tall. Even at that small size, the viewer feels that he or she is looking into the eyes of the Pilgrim Governor. Later today, you will have the opportunity to approve the arrangement that we are making with the artist.

We have continued the exciting work toward the acquisition of the Meetinghouse in time for our 2020 Congress. We have formalized the Trustee Arrangement, with four members from GSMD, four members from the congregation, and FGG Lea Filson as the chair of the Trustees. You will hear more details shortly.

I have visited a number of Societies in the last year, and I would be glad to schedule a visit with your Society. Our members everywhere are excited about 2020 and our planned acquisition of the National Pilgrim Memorial Meetinghouse. I can bring your group up to date on those subjects.

Most importantly, I have met some of the most wonderful people who work for both GSMD and for our Member Societies. We brought some of them together at yesterday's Governor General's Forum to share their ideas with each other. Our members have been generous with both their time and their treasury. Please take time with our Annual Report that our staff has crafted together so skillfully. You will learn how some of our contributors have been vital to the successful completion of projects. It highlights the many contributions made by individual members and Member Societies. I want to thank every single person who has contributed to our organization and I'll invite all of you to join me in applause for those who have done so.

Yes – my report includes some problems that our organization must solve, but our forebears were sturdy stuff, and we will work together as they did preparing to solve the problems our generation faces as we build a stronger Society. Thank you all so very much for giving me the opportunity to serve at this historic time.

**George P. Garmany Jr., MD,
Governor General**

Report of the Assistant Governor General

This past year has been a busy one. A week after Congress I participated in the 2017 GSMD *Mayflower Tour* to England, Wales and Holland, visiting sites relevant to our Pilgrim ancestors' story. It was an amazing trip and I highly recommend taking one of these tours. The Chair of the Historic Sites Committee, Barbara Williams does a great job arranging them.

Upon my return I completed the Congress minutes which are the responsibility of the outgoing Secretary General. I have been available to current SG Jane Hurt to answer any questions she might have and to provide support when necessary. She's a quick learner and she's doing an amazing job!

In October I was invited to speak at the meeting of the Vermont Mayflower Society. Governor Randy Roberts, my long-time friend Sharon Maytas and all of those present helped make my visit a memorable one.

In April I visited the Idaho Society. Thank you to Governor Debbie Lasher and the Idaho group, I thoroughly enjoyed myself and I really didn't want to go home.

My work on the Society Archives, which I began in 2011, continues. I recently accepted the donation of a Dory family bible in the hope that it would contain a handwritten family register as many old bibles do, but it did not.

Since we last met I have begun working as the researcher for the *Stephen Hopkins Silver Book* update. I would like to extend my appreciation to Greg Thompson of CT and Susan Abanor of NY who like me, have volunteered their time to Hopkins research. One of my priorities is to find new lines – and one of these is to try to solve the Snow/Doane question – did Nicholas Snow and Constant Hopkins have a daughter named after her mother, who married Daniel Doane. I spent time on the Cape this summer and came away with no definitive answer – yet, but I did come up with some pretty

good avenues to follow, so my search continues. So far, there will be three lines brought forward from generations three and four that were not carried further in the last edition. As a member of the Silver Books Committee, we welcome documented corrections and updates to all families in the Silver Books, and as the Editor of the *Quarterly* I welcome these as it is important to get these updates in print until the book itself is published.

I serve on the Personnel Committee which like the Executive Committee, meets every three months and by conference call each month in between.

Other tasks which occupy my time are the *Mayflower Quarterly Magazine* and the *Mayflower Journal* and I will report on these under committee reports.

These are exciting times for our Society as we move toward 2020. The momentum is building! It is a pleasure working with this EC who are as passionate about our future as are all of you. We are also fortunate that we have a dynamite Executive Director Susan Belekewicz who continues to amaze us with her accomplishments. Put all of this together with a dedicated and talented staff and we have a recipe for success. You will be hearing throughout this meeting of the advancements being made.

I very much appreciate the opportunity to serve the General Society, thank you.

**Susan E. Roser
Assistant Governor General**

Report of the Secretary General

I have enjoyed working with many of you during my first year as Secretary General. Serving with my fellow Executive Officers, our exceptional Executive Director and the Plymouth Staff has been a pleasure. My gratitude to Assistant Governor General Sue Roser and former Secretary General, Carol Leavitt, for their guidance and encouragement.

This Secretary General has served this past year planning and recording each Executive Committee meeting, participating in the Personnel Committee meetings, arranging the GSMD Heritage Breakfast in Washington D.C., and working in Plymouth, as a duet, with Historian General, Midge Hurtuk. The Historian General and I stayed in the beautiful historic Mayflower House on campus. As the central source for communication exchanges this officer has sent

thousands of e-mails and some postal mail to GSMD members. Oh... what a whirlwind year!!!

The cooperation and level of expertise from Executive Director Belekewicz has been rewarding for me and for the Society. She has done a remarkable job this past year. Thank you, Susan!!!

Planning and attending the GSMD Heritage Week Breakfast in Washington D.C. on 11 April 2018, was an amazing experience. Thank you Former Governor General, Lea Filson, for initiating the first GSMD Heritage Week breakfast in 2017. Holding an event during Heritage Week brings recognition to GSMD within the major lineage societies. Thanks to Annie John of the District of Columbia Society for recommending our esteemed speaker, Ed Lengel, Chief Historian of the White House Historical Association. My heartfelt thanks to Ginny Mucciaccio and Susie Barnes for being ready to leave the hotel at 4:00 a.m. - so I could arrive early to set up!!! Mark your calendars for Wednesday, 10 April 2019, for the next GSMD Heritage Week Breakfast in Washington D.C. at the Army Navy Club. The GSMD website will be updated for reservations within the next week or two.

Staying at the beautiful historic Mayflower House for a week in April with Historian General Hurtuk while we worked on the backlog of Preliminary Reviews, re-named, the *Mayflower Lineage Match*, proved to be a bonding experience. That April week Historian General Hurtuk and I walked-the-walk and experienced first-hand some of the tribulations the Staff were facing on a day to day basis. They were using obsolete, slow computers and genealogy software over nine-years old. The Staff had bets on how much Midge and I could accomplish, but we surprised them! They were gracious and welcoming while we decimated their week. Our unified efforts were successful. Many good things happened because of this service time together. My thanks to Historian General Hurtuk, Executive Director Belekewicz, Marti Bobertz, Christopher Lee and the entire staff for a week of education, revelation and inspiration that resulted in productive service for a shorter response time to prospective members who paid a fee to have their lineage compared to those already proven!

Planning and interlacing information together with the host Society for this

GBOA meeting with Member-at- Large, Jane Schleinzer, has been seamless. There are so many details! Thank you, Jane for your hours of service for this GBOA meeting and to the Illinois Mayflower Society for your kind hospitality!

Some facts of interest from your Secretary General for this meeting:

Total Registration = 160

83 GBOA officers attending

42 Member Societies registered

Total # members = 30,196

My appreciation to each Society Governor, Society Secretary and GBOA Officer who forwards the vast amount of information I share from the General Society to your Society membership. Thank you for your promptness on officer changes, addresses, e-mails, along with the preparation and return of your Annual Report. I thoroughly enjoy working with you and hearing from you.

Plans for 2020 are rapidly coming together as we look forward to this momentous event. You won't want to miss attending the 400th Anniversary Commemoration and the 42nd General Congress, September 2020. The Descendants are Coming!!! The Descendants are Coming!!! On this 400th anniversary, walk on hallowed ground as we honor our Pilgrim ancestors and share their inspirational stories with the world to keep their memories alive. "We will make memories to last a lifetime!"

Thank you for the opportunity to serve with this remarkable Executive Committee and for the privilege to be Secretary General.

Jane E. Groves Riddell Hurt,
Secretary General

Governor General Garmany introduced Illinois Congressman, 11th District, Bill Foster, who brought greetings and reviewed the current status of the *Mayflower* coin bill. Governor General Garmany presented Representative Foster with a certificate of Commendation and Appreciation along with a gift of thanks.

Report of the Treasurer General

The financials have been distributed in your packets. From a financial standpoint, we are still strong. Some highlights of our financial position are:

1. We ended our year with a surplus of just over \$463,000.00 less than the

previous year as our investment returns did not fare as well as they did at the end of fiscal year 2017. This surplus has three components, the investment surplus of \$300,000.00, the Meetinghouse Preservation Fund net surplus, considered a temporarily restricted fund, of \$65,000.00 and an operating surplus of \$99,000.00, including a \$45,000.00 bequest received for Library related expenses.

2. We had a surplus from investments of \$665,000.00 and withdraw \$366,000.00 in accordance to our 4% spending policy with the balance in our investments. This year was at least positive where the returns covered our spending policy.

3. Our revenue came in just under \$1.6 million, 9.5% higher than last year and 12% higher than budget. The sources of revenue outside of the spending policy allotment are made up of Membership fees and assessments at 40%, Gifts at 18.6%, sales of books and insignia at 17.5%, and the Society House revenues brought in just over \$10,000.00.

4. Expenditures came in just under \$1.5 million, 3% higher than last year and 5% higher than budget. How your money was spent was 34.3% on the Genealogy department and 12.5% on Genealogical research and publication costs, Society House operations takes 9%, Member Services, which includes the *Mayflower Quarterly* and *Journal*, uses 18.6%, Fundraising costs 5.6% and Administration uses 19.5%.

5. We have \$11.3 million in assets, of that, \$10.9 million is in cash and investments.

6. There are minimal liabilities. Please note we are reflecting the donations for the Meetinghouse towards the Restoration Fund, the portion that will be transferred over to the Charitable Trust once a bank account is opened.

A key take-away from this set of information is that while our overall financial position is very good, we have some challenges to face. During this past year, we held off spending funds because of timing of the costs. Most of these are related to repairs around the Campus, which, on older buildings such as we have can be somewhat costly. Also, our membership retention is a struggle. We also have some new challenges, such as preparing for 2020 with its cash flow

requirements.

Quick side note, with the help of Tina Scott, our Communications Manager, a Facebook Page for Treasurers and Governors has been created to allow sharing of ideas such as financial best practices and to ask questions amongst ourselves. Look for *Mayflower Treasurer's Forum* on Facebook.

The financial role of this Society is at its best when functioning in a team atmosphere. Just know, this Executive Committee is committed to ensure the financial health of our Society and, really, the overall health of our Society. You've elected us to represent you and we take our responsibility very seriously when making decisions. Along with the excellent core team of the Executive Committee, there are a few others I'd like to mention that have been instrumental in providing guidance and feedback as I serve in this position.

Former Governor General Lea Filson has been a wonderful resource to me, providing valuable feedback regarding historical experiences and guidance of knowing how to understand the audience so to properly relay information for people to understand.

I would be remiss to not recognize the efforts Cheryl Whittaker, our Business Manager in Plymouth, who does all the day to day transactions and recording. Her skills in accounting and credentials as a CPA make her a valuable asset to our organization.

Immense thanks go to Susan Belekewicz, our Executive Director. Her amazing skills and expertise together with her background in finance has given her the unique ability to help bring a new viewpoint on our financial strategies, both in assisting in managing the day to day operations with an eye on our cash positions and in assembling realistic projections for the next few years.

Finally, much appreciation is to be given to Don Studley, my mentor; this role could not have been done without his unwavering support and guidance throughout this entire year. He set a bar of excellence for this position, which I know you all are aware of. I am humbled to be following him in this role, and am grateful that he has always been at the ready to pitch in to help with everything I asked about. I am grateful to you all for electing him as Member-at-Large so he could continue providing the Executive Committee his wisdom and experience in all areas of our Society.

I am happy to answer any questions; please

complete a question card and I will get back with you after the meeting. Governor General, it is truly an honor to serve this Society under this administration.

**Elizabeth 'Liz' W. Gaudreau, CPA,
Treasurer General**

Report of the Historian General

GOALS and RESULTS:

Last year we reported that our greatest frustration, and one shared by Member Society Historians, was the lag time between submission of applications and supplements and the verification of them. At our worst point, the delay was 13-14 weeks. My ideal and my goal given stable circumstances, is a lag time of no more than eight weeks and ideally closer to six. So where are we and why?

We have improved, but not as much as we want to. Our lag time is currently about 10 weeks. This depends somewhat on the complexity of an application and on the quality of the submission. It depends MUCH more on the volume of submissions and our staffing.

Volume is proving to be consistently increasing the closer we get to 2020. We have increased staffing levels somewhat, but are naturally constrained by budgets parameters. We have also had some critical staffing changes and while we adjust, it's hard to replace a Todd Holden, for example.

Here are what the numbers look like:

	2017/18	2016/17
6 summer months	1,437	1,148
6 prior winter months	1,107	1,024
Total submissions	2,544	2,172

This represents a 17% increase 12 months to 12 months and a 25% increase in the most recent six months. This is huge, and if our most recent six months reflect the volume we will continue to see, we could hit 2,800 to 2,900 submissions in 2018/19.

Last year we were behind in Lineage Matches, the paid requests accessed on our web site to have our staff check the index card system for tracking generations of our 93,000+ lineage papers. We state that replies should be delivered in three to six weeks. The volume has so increased that last year we were more like eight weeks, unacceptable given that this is one of our best sources for new applications and the public is paying \$45.00 for this service. We devoted a week of volunteer time (thank you Jane Hurl!) to

catching up, adjusted staffing and are now on track.

We have had feedback from the public that this is seen as an invaluable service. It is also invaluable to the Society, as each reply to the public is copied to the Historian in the Member Society of residence so they can follow up with information on applying for membership. In some Member Societies this is the biggest source of new applicants, and with the new fee structure, it also provides valuable funding for the other HG areas of responsibility, like application verifications.

Supporting the entire process of applications and lineage verification are the Library and the training of and interfacing with Member Society Historians. Carolyn Travers and Marti Bobertz are responsible for each respectively and are always available to help you.

WHERE ARE WE HEADED?

The scanning project that actively began a year ago is ahead of schedule, thanks to the very dedicated and hardworking LDS volunteers who are assigned to Plymouth. The estimated completion of this phase is now year-end. Because this is ahead of schedule, plans that we were working on to reorganize the HG staff for better efficiency and improved working conditions have been postponed. We'll report more on that next year.

Once the scanning project is finished, the indexing by NEHGS begins, and we'll report more on that next year too.

An indirect result of the above projects has been negotiating with FamilySearch to have the Society Library in Plymouth contracted as an official Affiliate Library. This resource will be available to the public, but the biggest benefit to the Society will be its availability to our staff.

We continue to focus on verification quality/quantity and lag time. There are no mysteries to improvement here. We have top notch staff which is now close to fully trained. We will continue to closely monitor in-coming submission numbers and staff time, and recommend adjustments on an on-going basis. We will also emphasize ways in which Member Society Historians can help us, primarily with the quality and presentation of their application. This will include continue training and mentoring headed by Marti.

As a top priority project for the coming year, we will be assessing the organization of

the application process to identify ways in which we can improve both the quality of submissions and verifications, and the volume/time ratio of same. One of our first steps will be to solicit feedback/suggestions/issues/roadblocks/etc... from our current Member Society Historians. Issues that the majority of Societies report now deal with Historian turnover, Historian burnout and historian inexperience. More on this very soon, but our goal here is to provide better service to you as you do your work, and better statistical results from us as we process that work.

CONCLUSION:

It's been another very busy year with many challenges, the most compelling being the volume of applications resulting from the excitement generated by 2020. We've had a very good year with improvement on all fronts. This coming year will be more of the same, with the basic underlying goal of doing all we can to help the GSMD take maximum advantage of the coming attention and resulting membership interest.

Respectfully submitted,

Marjorie 'Midge' K. Hurtuk,
Historian General

Report of the Counsellor General

This is the end of my fourth year as Counsellor General, and it has been my pleasure to serve you. I have enjoyed my interaction with the member societies and have tried to be prompt in responding to various grievances and inquiries. As usual, I have been looking over By-law amendments and charter questions from Member Societies. These members include Washington, California, Florida, Maryland, Minnesota and Washington State.

I serve on the personnel committee and attend monthly meetings in person and via teleconferencing. I have also served as Trustee on the First Parish Church subcommittee and drafted the Charitable Trust which was negotiated and signed in December 2017. A summary of some of the topics handled by me on behalf of the Society for the past year are as follows.

I reviewed and participated in the Konov Trust decision making regarding the probate proceedings pertaining to Trust distribution and reviewed recent accounting. I made inquiries on notification of a bequest from the Estate of William Eaton. I reviewed distributions from the Estate of Virginia Mc-

Cambridge. I reviewed documents regarding 2020 matters at the request of Governor General George Garmany.

I helped to adopt a policy pertaining to Family Societies to become part of GSMD advertising. I drafted an employee release and assignment agreement. I reviewed trademark policy #54 and contracted with an attorney in Boston to file necessary trademark documents. I obtained ISBN members at the request of Judy Swan for her publications.

I reviewed the function manager contract, as well as the affiliated library agreement, our archive access policy and the STIFEL agreement which pertains to our investment accounts.

I am serving on the newly formed Opt-Out Policy Committee. I also am serving on the Executive Committee of the Warren Cousins and Pilgrim John Howard Society. I responded to miscellaneous telephone calls and emails from Member Societies not noted above. I look forward to future service to this organization.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard S. Gilmore, Esq.,
Counsellor General

Report of Member-at-Large, Lisa H. Pennington, Esq.

I have visited the Alabama, Mississippi, Texas and Kansas colonies and delivered historical presentations to each of them. I really enjoyed meeting our members and discovering some of the terrific programs they have installed to grow and retain our membership. I am also grateful for the kind hospitality shown to me by Eleanor Lienau, Della Regenold, Michel Marcoux, Alan Davis, Brenda Gouge, Nancy Harrison, Peggy Marsh, and all of the members who attended those meetings.

I have prepared and sent Quarterly Reports to each of my 17 Member Societies concerning pertinent issues discussed at the Executive Committee, particularly events for 2020. I have answered various emails and calls from Member Societies on diverse issues.

In furtherance of our educational mission, I have recorded a podcast on *Mayflower* passenger Isaac Allerton for Plimouth Plantation's *Interwoven* podcast, and I gave a lecture to the public at Pilgrim Hall in June, 2018. I am working with other EC members to explore doing the same for GSMD.

Recently, I have been appointed to the Corporate Articles Committee, and I have conducted research and performed other work on the issues presented.

It's been a pleasure to serve with my fellow officers on the Executive Committee over the last year and to witness their dedication to this outstanding organization!

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa H. Pennington, Esq.,
Member-at-Large

Report of Member-at-Large, Donald T. Studley

For the past year I have had to honor to serve the Society as Member-at-Large and continue to serve as an active member of the Executive Committee. As Member-at-Large I have attended quarterly Executive Committee meetings in Plymouth and participated in monthly Executive Committee conference calls. I have especially appreciated the opportunity to help our very capable Treasurer General transition into her new role as my replacement. I have made myself available to her and have tried to transfer some of my institutional knowledge as the former Treasurer General in order to ease her transition.

As a representative of the General Society to the National Pilgrim Memorial Meetinghouse Charitable Trust, I have been actively involved with the creation of the Trust and have been responsible for preparing the Trust's application for tax exemption which is currently pending before the Internal Revenue Service. I am looking forward to continuing to serve the Trust in the coming year as we shepherd this wonderful project forward.

I am proud to serve our outstanding organization and look forward to faithfully serving the Society in the years ahead.

Donald T. Studley,
Member-At-Large

Report of Member-at-Large, Jane Duxbury Schleinker

I have worked on the GBOA meeting being held in Illinois now. I talked to my Congressman Bill Foster last month. I told him I still wanted a Commemorative *Mayflower* Coin in 2020. He is going to work on making this a reality. I will keep in contact with him to make sure that 2020 has a *Mayflower* coin.

I'm always ready to help you and the So-

ciety in any capacity. It's a pleasure to serve you and the GSMD.

Respectfully submitted,

**Jane Duxbury Schleitzer,
Member-at-Large**

Report of the Captain General

It has been a busy first year as Captain General. We have added to the duties of the position and added two new groups answerable to the Captain General.

First, we have restored and added to the job description on a trial basis, until next Congress. Captain General's Duties shall add:

1. Act as adjutant to the Governor General, getting materials, running errands, passing out materials, conveying messages, etc.; anything necessary to make the GG's job easier.
2. Be responsible for the proper storage and transportation of the Society flags and their proper display at meetings and special occasions.
3. Act as Sergeant-At-Arms at meetings.
4. Communicate with Member Society Captains, offering support and suggestions for enhancement of their positions, as well as being very accessible for their questions or concerns.
5. Will check for correct set-up for all meetings, check all technology and be sure that knowledgeable operators are assigned.
6. Will act as Ex-Officio Captain of the Mayflower Guard.
7. Will coordinate *Mayflower Guides* and act as greeter at GSMD events.
8. Will work in tandem with the Secretary General to fulfill needs in personnel and equipment for events of the GBOA.
9. Will arrange for all distribution of materials to members during meetings and elections, and confirm microphone passers (also referred to as Pages) are properly prepared for that job.
10. Will have an active position at meetings and events to accomplish these tasks, so will often be on the meeting floor instead of stationary at the head table.

We have added the *Mayflower Guard*. The *Mayflower Guard* will serve as a ceremonial color guard and living history unit to celebrate the rich history of the early defenders of the Plymouth in those early formative years of 1620 and 1621. Members of the *Mayflower Guard* dress in period appropri-

ate apparel and are equipped as were *Mayflower* passengers who formed the militia of the Pilgrims in 1620-1621. The *Mayflower Guard* visibly promotes the education and understanding of the Pilgrims through their historically correct arms, armor, and apparel.

You will also notice *Mayflower Guides*: *Mayflower Guides* will act as greeters and guides at meetings of the GBOA and Congress. They will be chosen from the Junior members of the Society for their *Mayflower Guides* will be chosen for their maturity, outgoing personality and decorum. They shall consider themselves role models of Junior Membership to other Juniors and the public.

The Executive Committee has been working hard for the membership all year long, not just for the GBOA. It is a pleasure to serve, but the whole membership needs to know it is a whole lot of work.

Sincerely,

**Jeff Stark,
Captain General**

Report of the Surgeon General

It is hard to believe that a year has passed since our last congress. As you know, I was fully prepared to bring our new AED (defibrillator) and medipak to the Illinois GBOA; however, I have learned that these items are readily available to us on site so transport of our items will not be needed for this trip at Pheasant Run Resort in St. Charles, Illinois. Please note for general interest: the closest pharmacy to the resort is CVS at 3885 East Main Street, 630-232-3990; the closest urgent care center to the resort is Northwestern Medicine Convenient Care Center at 2900 Foxfield Rd #100, 630-377-6500; and, the closest hospital to the resort is Northwestern Medicine Delnor Hospital at 300 Randall Rd, Geneva, IL 60134, 630-208-3000.

As a member of DNA Committee, I continue working on a few paths. The first is formulating a way to help Member Society Surgeons disseminate information on DNA results and interpretation to their membership. I am working on an information packet which is not completed as of yet. Eventually, I would love to develop this into a power point presentation for use by Member Societies. Secondly, it has been exciting to see the growth of the DNA project with FTDNA under the direction of Bennet Greenspan, the invaluable insights of Jim Brewster, our own extremely knowl-

edgeable administrators Mike Thierry and Susan Abanor along with the GSMD's own forensic geneticist, Dr. Jason Kolowski. And third, we now face new challenges with our new EU and UK Member Societies. Susan Abanor (US) and Nancy Naro (UK) have raised concerns about a new law, the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) that requires businesses to protect the personal data and privacy of its EU and UK citizens. While this may seem not to be problematic for us in the US, it can be. The possible fines are in the millions of euros and could cause some companies to go under if not compliant which would mean huge losses monetarily and in DNA data. This has the potential of impacting the US on a number of levels. All members of the GSMD in the UK and Europe Member Societies have been asked to sign a consent for Nancy to continue to contact those members.

Finally, I have been working actively on bringing a Virtual Reality (VR) experience to Plymouth for 2020. This would afford us an income producing opportunity for 2020 and beyond. I have been in contact with Nathaniel Nuon, CEO and founder of Nuon films and 3rd Realm Creations who is on the cutting edge of this exciting field. Sith has done VR work for the military, medical and entertainment fields. He is an Emmy and Clio award-winning director. We are still exploring the type of VR experience we want to offer which will ultimately determine what our outlay will be. Current projections are it would cost about \$40,000.00 which includes production, post production, labor/operations for three of Sith's team to set up final product, monitor it and break it down. Our estimated draw during the week of 2020 is a little over \$100,000.00. This does not include sales of online and downloads worldwide which would go beyond 2020.

As always, it is a pleasure and an honor to serve on the EC board and to serve you our members.

**Naomi S. Mann, MD,
Surgeon General**

With no objection, the meeting recessed at 10:45 a.m. and reconvened at 11:00 a.m.

Report of the Executive Director

I am pleased to submit my first Annual Report to the General Board of Assistants. In this report, I would like to highlight the key activities and accomplishments of the

past year:

Operations : Applications Processing

Early in my tenure, my team along with GG Garmany and HG Hurtuk conducted a review of our current process for managing and approving applications in Plymouth. Several short-term proposals have been implemented to improve service to Historians and Applicants, including: identification of application issues at intake so they may be resolved while in queue, rather than at time of verification; coding of applications at intake to identify its degree of difficulty to provide workload balance for staff; and, improvements to our internal marking system to create time savings in the approval of member relatives and supplementals. While there is still much more work to be done, implemented process improvements have resulted in a 14% improvement in number of applications approved over the past eight-month period. Additionally, we continue to focus our efforts on ways we can support Historians. Several new tools are in development, including a Vital Records Locator, to assist Historians in their efforts to support new applicants in their ancestor search.

Mayflower Lineage Match

This past fall, *Mayflower Lineage Match* requests (formerly known as Preliminary Reviews) surged and we were faced with a significant, 13-week backlog. With additional resources and our sincere thanks to HG Hurtuk and SG Hurt for spending a week in Plymouth assisting the team, we now process an average of 280 requests per month with a two to four day response time and limited or no backlog. The product has been very well-received by the market and should be providing a new source of applicant stream to Member Societies. In fact, we are currently exploring offering a Pro-Match service for professional genealogy organizations, which should further expand the new applicant stream to Member Societies.

Technology Improvements – IMIS

This year we have implemented a systems conversion for our applications and membership records. IMIS, is our new membership management system and represents our technology platform for the future. Not only will IMIS assist us in Plymouth in automating and streamlining our internal processes and reporting, it will provide GSMD the opportunity to offer significant benefits to our Member Societies. Work continues to reconcile member data and to update

the database with incremental information that did not exist in prior databases but is required to support comprehensive reporting and inquiry needs. We look forward to working with our Member Societies in the coming year to begin to define how to leverage IMIS to the best benefit of our Society.

Digitization Project with Family Search and NEHGS

Family Search camera crews arrived in Plymouth in November, 2017 and have been painstakingly capturing application and documentation data of our 93,000+ Society Members' files. Their work has proceeded ahead of schedule and another crew member has just been added to the team in August to further accelerate their work. The new target completion date is year-end 2018. Indexing member records will be a later phase of the project, which will be performed by NEHGS. This work will dramatically improve research, significantly accelerating application preparation and approval.

Finance: Application Processing Costs and improvements

Throughout the year, a variety of areas of expenses have been analyzed to assess costs versus fees and to identify process efficiencies to create savings. The area of Application Processing Costs has generated the most significant improvement as a result of implemented efficiencies, as noted above. In December, 2017 our costs to process an application was \$147.96 (versus the \$75.00 fee per application paid to GSMD by Member Societies). As of June 30th, 2018, our per application processing costs are \$129.81, representing an \$18.15 savings or a 12.26% expense reduction. While additional efficiencies are possible in this area to generate incremental cost savings, the shortfall between operating expenses and fees will need to be addressed in the future to ensure the on-going health of the organization.

FY2018-2019 Budget

Working with TG Gaudreau, the budget was prepared for the new fiscal year. Space planning cost estimates, projections for technology enhancements and 2020 cash flow requirements impacting 2019 were all extenuating factors complicating a standard budget preparation. Accepting the Meetinghouse while planning for the 400th anniversary represents the most formative advancement the Society has ever undertaken and the financial impacts of these projects needed to be incorporated into our budget

planning. As a result, a financial plan for the organization to 2021 was prepared to identify a financial map to carry us through this period.

FY 2017-2018 Audit

The FY 2017-2018 audit is nearing completion. After this GBOA meeting, we will be continuing to work with the Auditors to negotiate the Business Advisory Letter and to complete the Management Representation Letter. There have not been any surprises identified in their findings as all items had been previously identified by our team.

Facilities & Grounds: Mayflower Society House Balustrade Removal

The Mayflower Society House roof was leaking after every rainstorm this fall; the situation was worsening with each storm. A contractor was called in and it was discovered that the balustrade was made of a very heavy cement material, the weight of which was causing the roof to buckle. In December, severe cracks were developing on the balustrade supports and it became apparent that the balustrade was close to falling off the building. Just after Christmas, the balustrade was removed: it took six men and a crane to remove the crest at the center of the balustrade. Fortunately, the balustrade was successfully removed just in time before a severe nor'easter hit, saving the house from certain major damage. The balustrade's crest has been relocated to our Colonial Revival Garden as a point of interest for visitors.

2018 Winter Storm Damage

A series of significant and severe nor'easter storms hit Plymouth throughout this winter and caused significant damage to the property. Chimney leaks occurred at the house due to faulty flashing, causing damage to both the Warren and Governor General's bedrooms. Immediate temporary flashing repairs were made to eliminate further damage and the upper roof was fully replaced this spring. Mold mitigation and repairs to the ceilings in both bedrooms are still pending.

Also, during these storms, the library roof was significantly damaged: the roof is scheduled to be replaced in October. The replacement delay is due to the fact that the contractor needs to locate a large dumpster in the parking lot and we have elected to wait until the fall, to minimize disruption to library visitors this summer. Fortunately,

ly, mold mitigation is not required at the library.

The Administration Building, also, sustained leaks from an ocean-side vent at the top of the gable. This repair has been delayed until the crew comes to roof the library in the fall. Mold mitigation and ceiling repairs will be required, once the vent has been made weather-tight.

Other Changes at the Mayflower Society House

The Mayflower Society House Gift Shop was given a significant facelift this spring with a fresh coat of paint, new cabinetry, glass shelving and an artisan created sign quoting William Bradford. A mini-split air conditioner was installed to encourage shoppers to stay longer in the shop. A member "Welcome Center" was created in the apartment sitting room; it is now used to welcome members who are visiting the House and serves as a meeting place for members to meet their docent assigned to take them on their private House tour. Also, this spring, an audio tour was created for visitors to enjoy as they self-tour the House and gardens. The audio tour provides rich details of the three centuries of history of the House. The Mayflower Society House is the first historic home in Plymouth to incorporate this kind of museum technology into its programming.

Archives Move

Due to inadequate workspace for the Verification team in the library, a decision was made to relocate the Archives to a new space. This summer the Archives were moved from the library to a new secure room that was created out of a portion of the warehouse space in the Administration Building.

Personnel

There were two staff departures this year: Debbie Sirois and Todd Holden. Our Sales Manager, Debbie Sirois, resigned in February. To fill the void, the administrative team scrambled to fulfill web shop orders and prepare for the season in the Gift Shop. We are very grateful to our Insignia Chair, Deb Yingst, who came to Plymouth three times this spring and summer to assist us with sales fulfillment, inventory orders, warehouse management and documentation of procedures until Debbie's position could be filled. And we are also appreciative of our members' patience as we worked through processing delays. Sylvie Carlson

joined our team in July, coming to us with significant sales experience from Hallmark, CVS and Stop & Shop.

Todd Holden left his position as Assistant Historian General at the end of June. It is our hope that after some time off, Todd will choose to return to GSMD as his talent in genealogy and knowledge of the organization's history is sorely missed. A decision was made to replace Todd with a new verifier, Tim May was hired in June. He is a former attorney, who was seeking a work life change to spend more quality time with his seven-year-old son.

Also, there were new additions to the Plymouth team this year. Kristi Schkade joined us in January as a Verifier: she joins us from the Plantation with a Bachelor's degree from the University of North Texas. Erin Gillett joined us in March as a *Mayflower Lineage Match* Specialist. Erin also came to us from the Plantation and holds a Master's degree in American History from James Madison University. Christopher Lee had been on staff as a contract employee supporting *Mayflower Lineage Match* processing; he officially joined the team in July as a regular employee and as our new Development Manager. Christopher is a professionally credentialed and published genealogist and is an experienced fundraiser: he served on the staff of Senator Warner of Virginia supporting a major capital campaign project to benefit the US Institute of Peace. And finally, Kelley Araujo and Marietta Mullen have joined the docent team with over 48 years of combined public history experience from Plimoth Plantation.

Partner & Community Relations: NEHGS & Family Search

Our partnerships with NEHGS and Family Search both continue to progress and are working well. Periodic meetings have been held throughout the year to ensure our existing partnership projects are on track. Additionally, we have been exploring ways we can help and support each other and our respective businesses. All three organizations are enthusiastic about the work we are doing together and how the results will positively impact the future of Pilgrim lineage research.

Pilgrim Monument and Provincetown Museum

This year, GSMD has established a strong new partnership with the Pilgrim Monument and Provincetown Museum,

as we work together to plan 2020 activities and to determine further ways our organizations can collaborate. Exciting plans are underway for a weekend of 2020 events in Provincetown for GSMD members including a *Mayflower Compact* Re-enactment on board the *Mayflower II*. With education at the core of the missions of both organizations, there is a natural alignment: going-forward, the Meetinghouse as the *Mayflower* Education Center will provide additional opportunities for exhibit and program rotation between the two organizations, furthering our mission by expanding the scope and breadth of our message.

Local Plymouth Partners and Community Support

Strong collaboration continues with our local Plymouth Partners – Plimoth Plantation, Pilgrim Hall, Pilgrim Progress, Plymouth Rock Foundation, the New Plimoth Guard and Plymouth 400. We actively seek ways to work together, especially as plans for 2020 take shape. In fact, with Plymouth 400 and Pilgrim Hall, we have formed a 2020 Lineage Group to bring a variety of Family Societies and other interested lineage groups together to share ideas and plans for 2020 and to create a communication network so that these plans may be shared with respective members.

During this year, we presented to the Plymouth Rotary to raise their awareness about the Society. We are working with Destination Plymouth to engender business community support for our 2020 Congress. PAC-TV, Plymouth's local television network, has broadcasted public services announcements promoting GSMD activities to the community. We are holding events for Plymouth Town officials to learn more about the Society, our mission and the importance of the Meetinghouse project, as the town considers our grant request for Meetinghouse funding. And we are currently working with the organizers of the America's Hometown Thanksgiving Parade to create a Mayflower Society House float for this year's parade, reinforcing the presence of GSMD's international headquarters as an active supporter of its community.

The Mayflower Society House has hosted several events throughout the year to bring more local townspeople to the property and to raise awareness. We have participated in Halloween on Main Street and

Arts & Cultural district events, which have included hosting musicians and artists on our property. Our annual Pirates Ashore event is becoming a tradition among local families. This summer, pop-up beer gardens were hosted by the Mayflower Brewing Company in our gardens: their events have brought many neighborhood and local townspeople to the property, many of whom had never been to the property before nor even knew we had a garden. And this August, it seems to be becoming the rage at Plymouth High School to have senior pictures taken in the Society's gardens!

Fundraising

This year's annual appeal raised almost \$114,000.00, versus last year's donations of \$105,200.00 representing an 8% increase year over year. And our 1620 Club members contributed an additional \$74,000.00 this year compared to the prior year of \$66,375.00: this represents an amazing 11.6% year over year improvement. But our Members' generosity did not end there – since the campaign began last fall, donations to the Meetinghouse have already topped \$180,500.00. What a wonderful testament to the generosity of our members! Thank you to all of our members who contributed to these wonderful results. The generosity of your financial support sustains this organization to better serve our Member Societies and positions us all for our posterity's future.

National Pilgrim Memorial Meetinghouse

As the Trust Administrator of the National Pilgrim Memorial Meetinghouse Charitable Trust, the GSMD team has been working closely with FGG Filson to create marketing materials, process and account for donations, and support fundraising and grant writing efforts. After GBOA, an additional area of focus will be to locate and inventory documents, books and other historic materials that will transfer with the deed to GSMD: these documents and materials are currently "on loan" to several different organizations. Planning for the future of the Meetinghouse and the integration of these requirements into our existing operations will be a key area of focus in 2019.

2020

Working closely with SG Hurt, planning for our 2020 Congress has been a significant area of focus over the past year. We feel a great responsibility to plan an ap-

propriate and memorable commemoration for the 400th anniversary as it is a once-in-a-lifetime event and will be our generations' imprint on an historic moment in our organization's history. Posterity will look back on how we chose to commemorate the Pilgrims. We will be reporting out on these plans at a later point in this meeting.

It has been a whirlwind of a first year. I am extremely grateful to have the opportunity to serve the Society as your Executive Director during this formative time in its history. On behalf of GSMD, I want to express our gratitude to the hundreds of volunteers whose tireless efforts create the very fabric of this organization. Many thanks to my talented team of professionals in Plymouth and for the guidance, direction and support of our Executive Committee without whose assistance none of these accomplishments would be possible.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan T. Belekewicz,
Executive Director

Report of the Former Governor General

Since retiring as Governor General, I have been available to the current Governor General as needed, and offer my institutional knowledge concerning *Mayflower* matters during the Executive Committee meetings.

I have put my efforts into fundraising for the National Pilgrim Memorial Meetinghouse. I am serving as President of the Meetinghouse Charitable Trust and have returned to Plymouth often for meetings.

I have worked as needed with the Family Tree DNA *Mayflower* Project administrators and continued to read and research the topic of genealogical DNA.

I continue to create and distribute press releases and handle press requests for the Society. I am presently working on our 2020 plan for coverage.

I have worked with the Development team in the Plymouth office, helped with proofreading and assisted Executive Director Susan Belekewicz, who is doing an excellent job.

I have answered numerous emails from Member Societies as well as individual members. It is a privilege to serve the General Society of Mayflower Descendants.

Lea Sinclair Filson,
Former Governor General

Reports of Committee Chairpersons

Audit & Finance

The Audit & Finance Committee met Friday September 7, 2018 at the Pheasant Run Resort in St. Charles, Illinois. In attendance were Member-at-Large Donald Studley, Stephen Gibbon, Treasurer General Elizabeth "Liz" Gaudreau, Executive Director Susan Belekewicz and myself. Treasurer General Elizabeth Gaudreau and the Plymouth staff prepared a proposed 2018 budget with commentary describing significant assumptions and year over year variances. We reviewed the budget and related assumptions. The proposed budget was approved by the Finance Committee. We reviewed the year-end financial statements and discussed the status of the audit. As of September 7th, the audit was substantially complete. We have received verbal assurance that we will receive a clean audit opinion. However, the audit report is not complete as of today. We discussed the financial concerns of the Society related to increased operating costs and potential one-time costs associated with the 2020 celebration. As a committee, we are committed to working with the Society to provide oversight and assist in developing a financial road map to carry us through 2021. We will accomplish this through quarterly Finance Committee meetings, monthly review of financial performance and supplemental meetings with the Treasurer General and Executive Director as needed to ensure financial stability is maintained.

I want to personally thank Liz, Susan and the staff at Plymouth for all of their hard work. As a committee, we look forward to serving the Society for the next two years.

Respectfully submitted,

MS DGG Charles M. Johnson, Chair
NJ AG Stephen H. Gibbon
Donald T. Studley, Member-at-Large

Awards

It has been a pleasure to add two bright faces to this committee- Jane Hurt and Jane Schleinzer for this three year term. *Chances for Recognition* has been such a wonderful opportunity to acknowledge the many ways our members have given their time and themselves to improve and promote our Society. Presenting the certificates and accompanying pins is a unique privilege.

Certificates of Commendation and Appreciation are for extensive volunteer service with significant direct benefits to the Society of Mayflower Descendants and its 53 associated Member Societies, as stated in its Constitution. The scope of their contributions is extensive, combining their Member Society service with their General Society service.

Governor General Garmany- would you and my two Janes, please come to assist me in congratulating the recipients?

There are recipients who are not present today, will someone from these Member Societies please come forward now, DELAWARE, NEW HAMPSHIRE, NORTH CAROLINA AND WISCONSIN. The citation on their certificates will be read and will appear in the *Mayflower Quarterly*.

DELAWARE

The Delaware Society presents **BARBARA GRAVELY WELCH** for recognition for her dedicated, faithful service as Treasurer, Deputy Governor, Governor, and current Editor of its newsletter. She spearheaded a difficult project consolidating years of documents and artifacts, as well as rewriting job responsibilities for board members. She has given generously of her knowledge and experience to anything that needs to be done for the benefit of the Delaware Society, doing all with grace.

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Governor Heather Rojo takes pleasure in nominating **SHEILA KNIGHT**, a New Hampshire member for fifty years. She is recognized for her many years of exceptional, tireless service on the Board of Assistants, at the Sales Table and fundraising. A quiet, steady and dedicated member, it is an honor to present her for this award.

NORTH CAROLINA

Presented today by Martha Ward, AG of the North Carolina Society, is **JILL SHERIDAN CHAPMAN**, Past Governor of the Western Colony and presently Deputy Governor of the North Carolina Society. With her faithful attendance, she has come to the plate to fill obligations with grace and dignity.

WISCONSIN

LTC THOMAS PELHAM CURTIS is nominated by the Wisconsin Society Board for his outstanding service as Governor, and then Elder for the past twelve years.

His sonorous rendition of the *Mayflower Compact* is a highlight of their Compact Day meetings, and embodies the best traits of our ancestors worthy of emulating.

These honorees are present, will representatives from COLORADO, KENTUCKY, MARYLAND AND SOUTH CAROLINA please come forward now to assist in these presentations? As I call the names of the recipients please step right up??

COLORADO

Nominated by Governor Richard Jeffords, **SUSAN C BRAUN** is recognized for her tireless work in many phases for the Colorado Society. Her energy and knowledge have been a benefit as she works tirelessly making arrangements for many of Colorado's functions.

KENTUCKY

Kentucky Governor Ben J. Talbott, Jr. nominates **MARTINA OCKERMAN** for commendation for her service as Elder, and especially for her assistance in the fundraising campaign for the GSMD Meeting-house project. Her attendance at GSMD meetings and her generosity are acknowledged with this award.

MARYLAND

Governor Timothy Mallory presents for recognition by the Maryland Society **JAMES B. BATTLES** for exceptional service as DGG, AG, Governor and Deputy Governor. He has led several successful programs, not the least of which is the *Mayflower Guard*. He has made a difference with outstanding contributions to GSMD's mission.

SOUTH CAROLINA

Adryn Sumner, Deputy Governor of South Carolina has nominated **BONNIE WADE MUCIA**, Past Governor and current DGG. She has come forward and served as Treasurer when needed, updated the website, and worked with the Historian to organize and update member files to the modern world. She has breathed life and energy into the South Carolina Society.

The many areas of service are so varied it would fill volumes, and their dedication is commendable. We salute you! Would all previous recipients please stand to be recognized?? They deserve your applause. Thank you.

Governor General, it has been a privilege to serve, and an honor to be part of rec-

ognizing Mayflowers who have gone above and beyond in their service to our beloved Society.

EU Acting DGG Virginia A. Mucciaccio,
Chair

Jane E. Groves Riddell Hurt,
Secretary General

Jane Duxbury Schleinzer,
Member-at-Large

Governor General's Distinguished Service Award

The Distinguished Service Award really should be renamed as the "Exceptional Service Award" because those who receive it are exceptional people who have given exceptional service to the Society. But the current verbiage sounds more "distinguished," so we'll leave it as is. Before announcing this award, I would ask that all of those who have already received it to please stand and receive appreciation from the General Board for their ongoing exceptional service.

Today's recipient has done so much for the General Society that it has been difficult to make the award in the surprise fashion that is expected. Indeed, some subterfuge was necessary to preserve the surprise for our recipient. Using stage words that a few of you will recognize, it was necessary to create "corroborative detail, intended to give artistic verisimilitude to an otherwise bald and unconvincing narrative." I beg forgiveness from anyone who was pained in this effort.

The primary obstacle in this subterfuge is that our recipient has been in charge of GSMD Awards for many years, and she knows all of the ins and outs of the process. She served two valuable terms as Member-at-Large on the Executive Committee from 2011 to 2017. She was proud to be the unofficial "nudge" in that office. When the European Society was formed, she went to Europe on her own dime to help get things started. Then she became the co-Treasurer for the European Society, working things so that we don't constantly suffer losses by transferring currencies with every dues payment. She has continued supporting the General Society in so many ways that we can't count them. And she's doing the best to preserve that legacy by bringing in her entire family as Junior and active members.

Today's recipient is a citizen of the world. She will be happy to tell you that her family is Dutch, even though you'd never guess

it from her name. She has toured Pilgrim sites everywhere and knows more stories and songs than anyone can count. If there were justice in the world, this token of our appreciation would be engraved as "Mama Mooch," but since it is a **Distinguished Service Award**, it seemed necessary to use her full name **Virginia A. Mucciaccio**. Please join me in honoring her for her many years of service to the General Society.

George P. Garmany Jr., MD,
Governor General

Governor General's Appreciation and Recognition Awards

The Meritorious Service Award was presented to the Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of Illinois.

Commendation and Appreciation Awards were presented to:

John Schellinger, Governor Illinois Society
U.S. Representative, Bill Foster

(also presented was a gift of thanks)

The *Mayflower Guard*

Jeff Stark, Captain General

Certificates of Recognition were presented to:

Jane Schleinzer

Jessica Schleinzer

Susan Erlick

Cary Stone-Greenstein

Junior Guides: Anna Hyde, Claire

Hyde, Lizzy Hyde and Matthew Hyde

Mary Scout, Professional Registered

Parliamentarian

(also presented was a gift of thanks)

George P. Garmany Jr., MD,
Governor General

With no objection, the meeting recessed for lunch at 12:00 p.m. and reconvened at 1:25 p.m.

Constitution, Bylaws & Resolutions

[See: New Business - Proposed Bylaw Amendments]

Development [No report filed]

Mayflower DNA Project

DNA is becoming ever more vital in the genealogy field with each passing year. We must be careful not to lose sight of the importance of this addition to our lineal research arsenal in the midst of 2020 plans.

Our Historian General's office works quietly day after day reviewing applications for membership and the addition of DNA

reports to some of those applications is allowing our Historian General to approve or reject papers that may not have had a chance of review in the past. DNA can often provide proof where brick walls exist.

I will outline the tests from Family Tree DNA below, but for men, preferred tests for the most up-to-date results are the Family Finder, Y-500 and mt Full Sequence tests. For women, the Family Finder and mt Full Sequence tests will reveal the most information. The mt Full Sequence is the only test that is in genealogical time. The mtDNA Plus-only test is for deeper ancestry.

I cannot state with enough emphasis, the importance of the Family Tree DNA *Mayflower* Project we have created. Thanks to a huge amount of donated effort and research that the company, Gene by Gene, Ltd. Has provided to GSMD, we have identified direct lineage from all of our male Pilgrim ancestors through Y-DNA tests checked against the millions of males in the Family Tree DNA database. This information will allow us to study DNA results with confidence knowing the lines are correct. Without lineal documentation, however, we cannot complete the picture. Without seeing the lineal documentation along with the DNA tests, we could be looking at an applicant who is related to a brother of our male *Mayflower* Pilgrim.

For those men who have already done a Y-DNA test, it is time to upgrade. Last year we announced that you should upgrade to the new 111 marker test. A short year later, a 500-marker test has just been introduced. The higher the number of markers tested, the more you will learn about yourself and others with similar lineal descent.

The mtDNA test is very useful. Women pass their mitochondrial cells from mother to sons and daughters, but only the daughters can pass it on. In the *Mayflower* DNA Project, we are identifying mtDNA matches that help to find direct links to our female *Mayflower* passengers. Additionally, used in conjunction with the Family Finder test we can triangulate with other mtDNA testers to find proof of lineage, which may help to identify descendants without clear documentation. If more members add mtDNA tests to our project, it will produce far better research through the years as the science improves.

We will continue adding the autosomal, or Family Finder, tests to our Family Tree

DNA database. Besides telling you if you have close relatives, the tests will be helpful as DNA science improves. Think of our Family Tree DNA *Mayflower* Project as a vault that will privately own and hold our DNA information similar to the vault here in Plymouth where we hold your applications. Both have robust security and privacy rules that protect our information.

If you have tested at Ancestry.com, 23andme.com, myheritage.com, or FamilyTreeDNA.com, your DNA tests can be uploaded to our *Mayflower* project. Some also upload their family trees and DNA results to GedMatch, a database for storing and exchanging genealogical information so that many different computer programs can use it. Instructions to do that are at the end of this report. Note also that uploading your raw data file to FamilyTreeDNA.com, GedMatch.com, and MyHeritage.com is free. Many DNA enthusiasts upload to all sites to check for more matches since member databases are different.

How do you understand the results you receive? The Family Tree DNA Learning Center will help: www.familytreedna.com/learn/ftdna/webinars/. The webinars there will go a long way in helping you understand the results. In addition, you can contact our two administrators, who are fellow *Mayflower* Society members. Both Mike Terry at mterry3158@sbcglobal.net and Susan Abanor at susanabanor@gmail.com have spent thousands of hours administering our Family Tree DNA *Mayflower* Project. Mike is our expert on Y-DNA and Susan is our expert on mtDNA. Please say thanks when you talk with them and appreciate their contributions as volunteers for our Society.

Jim Brewster, a *Mayflower* descendant and Group Project Assistant Manager at Family Tree DNA, is in attendance during this GBOA meeting. We thank him for his DNA lecture last night. If you didn't attend, stop and ask him questions at the DNA exhibition center table to learn more about how important you are to our continued research. We must strive to eventually test all of our members' DNA if GSMD is to continue as the 'gold standard' in genealogy research.

It likely won't be many more years before a DNA test is required with your documentation to apply for *Mayflower* Society membership. Learn what you can about the

world of DNA because we will be hearing a lot about it in the genealogical field. At the very least, get tested, encourage your family to test, and upload the tests to our *Mayflower* Family Tree DNA Project.

Thank you to Mayflower Society members Mike Terry, Susan Abanor, Surgeon General Naomi Mann, Myrtle Savage, Muriel Cushing, David Patek, Dennis Klotter, Lydia Ozenberger and Dr. James Egan for their work on genealogical DNA through the years and for their help in making this project possible.

Thank you to Family Tree DNA including Chief Executive Officer Bennett Greenspan, James Brewster, Janine Cloud, and the entire staff of Gene by Gene, Ltd. for their partnership and the many hours and cost incurred as they continue to help us identify DNA matches to *Mayflower* passengers.

**Lea Sinclair Filson,
Former Governor General**

Historic Sites

2017/2018 has been an exciting time for this committee. Our first major event was the 2017 Historic Sites Tour to England/Wales and The Netherlands. There were forty three persons who participated, also known as "The 43" representing seventeen Member Societies and two provinces of Canada. It was our pleasure to have the former Secretary General, Susan Roser and her husband, Hugh, as part of the forty three. Visors were given to each tour member. The emblem was a 17th century ship and logo: GSMD Historic Site Tour 2017 England-Wales-Netherlands.

Doug Hopper was our Tour Guide/Director for the English Segment, and Patricia Wijering for The Netherlands. Doug was the first guide to ever contact me prior to the tour and our emails were very appreciated by me.

This was the 10th anniversary of the tours which began in 2007 with the last one in 2017. 2007, 2009, 2011, 2013 and 2017, two in England/Netherlands, two in England/Wales/Netherlands and one in Massachusetts.

Our tour schedule was given in last year's report. However, a member of the group published blog links for the tour members upon returning home.

Our second major event was and is the Pilgrim Henry Samson Kindred working

with the Duxbury 2020 Committee to find the home of Pilgrim Henry Samson. The Pilgrim Henry Samson Kindred funded the First Phase of the project. Phase One was to find his homesite using ground penetrating radar and test pits to identify 17th century clues. PHSK donated \$6,000.00 to accomplish this. Craig Chartier, the areas most experienced archaeologist for Pilgrim-era sites, conducted the GPR survey 21 June 2018, report 15 July 2018.

Two anomalies were identified during the survey. The first (Anomaly 1) is a flat area located between three and four feet below surface to the north of the standing house and just east of the trampoline (Figures 1 and 2). The anomaly measured 12 x 16 feet and appeared to possess at least one right angled corner. The size, signature and depth are consistent with a cellar-hole floor.

The second anomaly (Anomaly 2) was located just north of the first and appeared to be an approximately one foot long piece of metal, possibly iron, located at approximately five feet below surface (Figure 1). It is unknown what this is and it may be a natural iron concretion as there does not appear to be any disturbance above it to indicate it was buried.

PARP would like permission to open a three foot square hole at the junction of what appears to be the right angle at Anomaly 1. Excavation to even just below the topsoil (approximately one foot below surface) would reveal whether this anomaly is natural or represents a cellar-hole. Excavation would be carried out very carefully with the grass being removed whole for replacement afterwards and all screening to occur on tarps in order to protect the grass. The hole would be carefully refilled following excavation.

Latest update: 19 August 2018

Duxbury 2020 Committee's archaeology team will initiate a dig on the site of an anomaly that was recently discovered through ground penetrating radar. This anomaly has characteristics that suggest it could be a cellar-hole floor. It is in a position some 20 to 30 feet from the Duxburrough Path, and its features are properly positioned to be a very early structure.

The site under investigation is on the east side of a section of the Old Duxburrough Path, on private property south of the Duxbury Yacht Club Golf Course and swimming pool lands and north of Surplus

Street. In June, Duxbury 2020 performed significant GPR scanning and dug four test pits along the woods line, the suspected site of the homestead. The GPR showed, as expected, a lot of disturbance around the modern house on the property and immediately west of its garage, but the soil disturbance stopped about 10 feet east of a large tree in the backyard that was close to the lot's western wood line. On the west side of this tree, GPR showed a 12 feet long (N-S) by 8 feet wide (E-W) surface with a very flat bottom at about 3.5 to 4 feet below surface. It appeared to have a right angle at the SW corner. The team felt this could be a hearth base or the floor of a cellar-hole. Soils west of the tree are all intact with no disturbance caused by the house construction. The homeowners subsequently confirmed that the site of the anomaly was not located in the area of the property's septic system. Also identified was a relatively large (1'x1') iron anomaly north of that rectangular possible cellar-hole as well as a large buried glacial erratic (natural) and some geologic features. Scanning in the woods showed nothing but natural soil horizons. Test pit excavations yielded intact soils, few historic artifacts, but many Native artifacts.

One of the hypotheses of the location of the original homesite has been all but eliminated. There was a house on this section of Samson's original grant, which later became known as the Joseph Soule House. Records indicate it was built in the 1790's. It was in the early 1900's bought and subsequently sold by the Duxbury Yacht Club. It was dismantled in the late 1970's. Recent oral history, achieved through the original builder of an extant ca1983 current house on the same property, has rendered dependable evidence that the ca1790's Soule House stood on the site of the current home's garage. Some evidence of early bricks were found nearby, but little other evidence. There has never been any primary or secondary source that has linked the ca1635 Samson home-site being later (ca1790's) replaced by this same Soule House. According to the archaeology team, such subsequent building of an 18th century building directly on top of the foot print of an earlier 17th century structure was unusual for Plymouth Colony. All things considered, the possibility that the original Samson Homestead had stood directly on the same footprint as the ca1790's Soule House and the ca1983

garage has been within reasonable doubt eliminated. Unfortunately this cannot be proven or disproved, as all possible archaeological evidence was likely destroyed by the 1980's building of the extant house and garage that still sits atop the site of the earlier Soule House. We will keep you apprised of any findings emanating from the dig that will initiate August 19. Mark Jacobson, Secretary/Director, Duxbury 2020. Inc.

The origins of Pilgrim William White were recently discovered in 2017 in a collaborative research project by Caleb Johnson, Sue Allan and Simon Neal. The results of the research were published in *The American Genealogist*. William White was baptized on 25 January 1586/7 at Wisbech, Cambridgeshire, England, the son of Edward and Thomasine (Cross) (May) White. His mother was married to John May. William's wife, Susanna, was the daughter of Richard and Mary (Pettringer) Jackson. She was likely born and raised in Scrooby. Her father had a lease for a portion of Scrooby Manor. Very fascinating information!!

**Barbara L. Williams, Chair
Historic Sites**

Insignia & Sales

I am so very pleased to now feature items made by GSMD members on the GSMD web Shop. If you haven't yet seen the beautiful handmade *Mayflower* Ship leather journal and the lovely prints of the *Mayflower* Ship, Meetinghouse, Mayflower House and the *Mayflower* Ship Descendant wood plaque, please stop over at the sales table or visit the Shop on the Society website. Please contact me if you make *Mayflower* items that you would like to have featured.

If your Member Society or Colony is selling 2020 items and would like to have a link to their web site placed on the GSMD web shop, please contact me. I can be reached by phone at 717.512.3655 or by email: Shop@theMayflowerSociety.org.

Joining the jewelry line this year are the lovely Meetinghouse lapel pins available in two styles and various metals. Do you have yours yet? Show your support for this important project!

A New Products page has been added to the web Shop. All the latest GSMD products are listed here, so be sure and visit often! Watch for special sale items in each issue of the *Mayflower Quarterly*.

If you attended the Governor General's Forum this year, please consider purchasing a GG Forum 2018 bar to place on your GSMD or Member Society Officer medal.

It has been another very busy year serving as your Insignia Committee Chair. Thank you to all members and their families that generously support the Society with your purchases.

**Deborah A. Yingst, Chair
Insignia**

Junior Membership

We now have contacts for our Junior members in 48 of the 50 states, and a few of our larger Member Societies have a chair for each district. We have given every contact a copy of the handbook we prepared last year which includes many resources for facts, games, books, Pilgrim trivia and activities.

I also call all Junior Chairs/Contacts once a year to see if they have pictures and write-ups about their Junior programs that they would like to share and to ask if they have any questions.

This year, after a nice conversation with the Vermont Chair, I received a call back from her where she said, "You know you just saved my life." I was pleased she thought so, but couldn't fathom any reason why my call was that helpful.

Then she continued. "I was on my way outside when the phone rang and I decided to answer it. While we were talking, several feet of snow fell off my garage where I would have been standing had I gone out rather than answer the phone." Sometimes, I guess, a simple phone call can be very helpful!

The Junior Committee continues to add new materials to the GSMD web site as they become available; publish a National Newsletter twice a year; send quarterly messages to Junior Chairs/Contacts and answer questions and maintain a Junior web site. The Committee is looking into a national activity for Juniors for 2020.

**Cynthia Tinney, Chair
Junior Membership**

Mayflower Guard

The *Mayflower Guard* was created at GSMD Congress in September 2017. Starting with one member, the Guard now has thirteen members. The first major event for the Guard was participation in the GSMD sponsored Pirates Ashore in Plym-

outh on May 19, 2018 along with the New Plimoth Guard.

The major focus of the Guard during this past has been recruitment and equipping members with period appropriate arms, armor and apparel. We have created *The Mayflower Guard Handbook* which outlines the history and operations of the Guard. We have also prepared two procurement guides, one for arms and armor and another to assist member in finding period appropriate clothing. These guides will be uploaded on the GSMD website.

The Guard has prepared a presentation about the historical roots of the Pilgrim Militia entitled *Rembrandt's Night Watch* and the Arms and Armor of the Pilgrims. The presentation has been given to the Washington DC and the Delaware Societies and is scheduled to be given to the Michigan and Oklahoma Societies in November 2018.

The focus of the Guard over the next year will be to continue the recruitment of new members and encouraging Member Societies in creating their own guard units. Another focus of the Guard will be the support of a Dress Like a Pilgrim program for the entire GSMD. The Guard will continue to try to identify vendors for arms, armor and apparel, and continually update the procurement guides. The Guard will again participate in Pirates Ashore in Plymouth on 1 June 2019. The Guard will be doing the opening ceremonies for the GSMD Board of Assistance Meeting in Denver in September 2019. We will be actively planning for the 2020 ceremonies for September 2020.

It has been a very productive first year for the Guard in creating a living history unit for the General Society of Mayflower Descendants.

MD DGG James B. Battles

Mayflower Quarterly Magazine Editor & Mayflower Journal Interim Editor

I have just completed my 11th issue as Editor of the *Mayflower Quarterly Magazine*. Wait till you see the cover!

We have exciting news about our publications, the *Mayflower Quarterly Magazine* and the *Mayflower Journal*. As we have heard from many of our members, we have decided to fold the *Journal* and beginning in the spring of 2019, will be merging Society news with historical and genealogical articles, as we did in previous years. By do-

ing so, we are expanding our benefits to our members.

We are staying with the larger size and color and will be expanding the number of pages. It will have a new look as we change the format to better reflect our members' needs.

Please keep sending your Society news and photos, and I would love to hear from Member Societies who have not yet submitted news.

With the expanding content and page number, I am looking to broaden the editorial committee with two or three additional members. If you have experience in editing and proofing, or with Pilgrim history and genealogy and are interested in volunteering your time, please contact me.

For those of you who had subscribed to the *Mayflower Journal*, I have stepped in as Interim Editor to put together this last issue, the fall of 2018 and it will go to the printer this month.

My thanks to Tina Scott, Communications Manager, who is incredibly talented and does her magic with the layout and design of the *Quarterly*.

Susan E. Roser,
Assistant Governor General

2020 [No report filed]

Personnel [No report filed]

Pilgrim Academic Research Committee (PARC)

Governor General Garmany announced the 2018 Pilgrim Academic Research Award Winner, Susan E. Roser, Assistant Governor General and *Mayflower Quarterly Magazine* Editor and *Mayflower Journal* Interim Editor. The award will be presented at the 1620 Club dinner tomorrow evening.

George P. Garmany Jr., MD,
Governor General

(The Pilgrim Academic Research Award Winner information delivered at the 1620 Club dinner is included at the end of these minutes.)

National Pilgrim Memorial Meetinghouse Charitable Trust

The National Pilgrim Memorial Meetinghouse Charitable Trust held its first official meeting on Friday, 22 June 2018. As is the norm, it has begun operating while awaiting final application approval from the state of Massachusetts. IRS papers have been filed. The deed has been registered

in Plymouth and passed to the Trust from First Parish Church making it the legal owner of the Meetinghouse.

We have applied for a \$2.6 million dollar grant from the town of Plymouth's Community Preservation Act funds and if that is granted, the proposed timeline is to complete the outside repairs by the end of 2019. Additional donations will cover interior repairs and program needs by the end of 2021. Once work is complete, further monies raised will go into a permanent endowment for the Meetinghouse.

A logo has been chosen and was placed on refrigerator magnets for Town Meeting representatives who attended our informational meeting at the Mayflower Society House on August 9th. That is the group that will vote on the CPC grant. The August 9th meeting was well-attended and one additional information meeting will be held in the Meetinghouse itself before the October 20th vote is taken. The magnets have also been placed in your registration packets as a thank you for your tremendous support.

Meetinghouse donor pins have been produced and Meetinghouse jewelry is available at the GSMD web shop for purchase. We thank Deb Yingst for her efforts on this. Fundraising and printing expenses are being paid from Trust funds, as well as for GSMD development staff support. Expenses incurred to date total \$4,160.00.

The missing stained-glass windows that were repaired by an earlier CPC grant for \$300,000.00 have been delivered back to the Meetinghouse for display purposes and for use as we fundraise, and a plan is being set in place to open the Meetinghouse for scheduled tours.

Firms with expertise in historic structures are being researched for restoring the interior and for creating the programmatic events throughout the Meetinghouse, but none of this will begin until the repairs are complete on the exterior of the Meetinghouse and the windows reinstalled.

For the next four years, 2018, 2019, 2020, and 2021, the annual Plymouth Thanksgiving Day parade will feature a Mayflower Society House replica float. The Plymouth Thanksgiving parade operators will allow 15 descendants to ride and a minimum of a dozen descendants to walk behind it. After the \$5,000.00 fee is paid, all remaining money collected will be donated

to the Meetinghouse restoration fund. For 2022, we will explore creating a new float with a replica of the Meetinghouse.

As of 31 August 2018, we have raised a total of \$183,865.00, with \$48,302.00 remaining in outstanding Member Society pledges. Member Societies have given \$103,698.00, individuals have given \$74,967.00 and Family Societies have given \$5,200.00. We are hopeful the 20 October town meeting vote from the Plymouth Community Preservation grant will add \$2.6 million. With that, our fundraising total will be \$2,832,167.00. That leaves \$167,833.00 needed to meet our goal of \$3,000,000.00 by September of 2020, and it is only 2018. We have worked diligently since 2015 to get ready for the CPC vote, so please pray on 20 October for a vote in the affirmative.

Members of the Trust would like to thank Member Societies, individual members and Family Societies for their generosity and enthusiasm about the Meetinghouse efforts. Thanks also go to the GSMD Development team including Kathy Liolios, Christopher Lee, Tina Scott and Executive Director Susan Belekewicz.

Lea Sinclair Filson,
Former Governor General

Patriots to Passengers Project

Thank you, George for asking me to say a few words about the Patriots to Passengers Project. I am overwhelmed, surprised and happy with the reception from our *Mayflower* members and from the DAR and SAR members. I have thought of doing this for a long time but being the Florida Society Historian has been a full-time job and very time consuming so it has taken a lot longer than I would like. I only have about an hour at the end of the day to work on it to correct and confirm the information.

However, I have had such a great response from so many of our members who are anxious to help. It is gratifying to receive emails from members all over the country who are so proud of their ancestors and want to be sure that their Patriot is on "the list."

I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all who have sent in their lines and I would especially like to thank Ken Whittemore from California and Tom Allen from the state of Washington for going through

the Silver Books to find our *Mayflower* Patriots. This is such an enormous help. I would also like to thank Josephine O'Ryan from Charleston, South Carolina who has been correcting typo errors and questioning some of the information. This is a double check and helps us to ascertain the correctness of the information.

We now have 230 pages on the website and still many more to add in the future. Most important of all are the lines that go beyond the Silver Books and cover the 6th and 7th generations. Please keep sending this information! I have been able to add the 6th and 7th generations in many cases as I do research on our *Mayflower* families but I do need any help that I can get so we can have a large and complete list.

A couple of points I would like to make are not to forget the ladies. Remember that some lines go through the wives of the Patriots and the descendants of these couples are eligible for membership in the Mayflower Society. Many Patriots may not have a *Mayflower* line but their wives do.

Another thing that we are adding are the supplemental lines, so be sure to check as you may have other *Mayflower* lines that you were not aware of. We have also been able to add further information on many of the Patriots' wives which may be a help to other lineage societies.

Last of all I have had some people say that they have a hard time accessing the project on the website. I did talk to Tina Scott and she said she would look into it. I was amazed last week while searching for something different that I found Patriots to Passengers on the web. We can now easily type in Patriots to Passengers and click on the link and there you are. Thank you, Tina.

This has been my fun time and I want to thank you all – so please do not hesitate in emailing me and spread the word so others can find their *Mayflower* passengers. My email address is Flash1620@comcast.net easily remembered as it stands for Florida - FLA State Historian but it is also listed on the website. Thank you for your support, I appreciate it so much.

Muriel Curtis Cushing

Scholarship

I am delighted to announce the four recipients of our 2018 GSMD *Mayflower* Scholarships.

The \$6,000.00 Scholarship recipient Ju-

liana Marks is a Degory Priest descendant. She is a graduate of Haslett High School in Haslett, Michigan where she was first in her class. This fall, she will be attending the University of Michigan to pursue dual degrees in oboe performance and engineering.

\$4,000.00 Scholarship recipient Jessica Carter is a John Alden descendant. She is a graduate of Littleton High School High in Littleton, Massachusetts, where she achieved Principal's List all four years for earning all As in Advanced Placement and Honors courses. She will be attending Tufts University where she plans to study International Relations and Political Science.

\$3,000.00 Scholarship recipient Kevin Stucker is a William Brewster descendant. A Franklin, Indiana resident and graduate of Whiteland Community High School, Kevin is a National Merit Finalist, was recognized as one of the Top 40 Students in the state of Indiana, and is an AP Scholar with Distinction. In the fall, Kevin will attend Hillsdale College to study politics and economics in preparation for law school.

\$2,000.00 Scholarship recipient Michaela Sullivan is a John Howland descendant. She is a 2018 graduate of St. George's School in Middletown, Rhode Island where she graduated summa cum laude. In the fall, she will be attending Middlebury College; she plans to study economics and international business.

There are pictures and more information about our recipients in the fall issue of the *Mayflower Quarterly*.

Special thanks to our hardworking Scholarship evaluators Laura Brock, Mark Fulcomer, Steve Gibbon, Lorrie Link and Judy Needham.

I want to thank Governor General Garmany, the Executive Committee, the Board of Assistants and all members of the Mayflower Society, for your support of the Scholarship program. As one of the three members of the Scholarship Committee which created the scholarship program in 2011, I have watched it grow from one \$5,000.00 scholarship to four current scholarships which total \$15,000.00.

I have enjoyed my eight years of working on this committee; next year a new member will be joining. As we approach our 400th Pilgrim anniversary I urge you to continue to expand our scholarship program. It makes a unique contribution to

developing and sustaining the interest of younger generations of *Mayflower* passenger descendants in the significance of their heritage.

**Sally Johnson, Chair
Scholarship**

Trustees of the Mayflower House and Parke Endowments

On behalf of the Trustees, their report is:

1. The Investments Statements have been reviewed
2. Financial Strategies have been discussed
3. The Endowments are on track

The current trustees are William Ulmschneider, Mark Cox and Benjamin Proctor. The Governor General and the Treasurer General are members ex-officio.

**Elizabeth 'Liz' W. Gaudreau, CPA,
Treasurer General**

NEW BUSINESS

Presentation of the 2018-2019 Budget

The budget has been distributed in your packets. It was presented to the Executive Committee in June, and was approved by them at that time. It has also been presented to and approved by the Finance Committee.

Our budget preparation was not standard for this fiscal year as we had many new factors to consider when approaching this budget. These factors included:

- consideration of infrastructure needs both for maintenance and for inclusions (security, new uses) as we approach 2020. This includes:
 - o Space planning for adding verifiers to accommodate upticks in requests for research and membership applications
 - o Tech planning for IMIS, such as expanding the abilities of the system to provide access to various historians, membership committees and treasurers
- consideration for the cash flow needs related to our upcoming 2020 commemoration
- additional resources we need to cover the impact of the Meetinghouse responsibilities

We were not able to include all these factors into the budget because our revenues could only cover a portion of these items. A financial plan for the organization to 2021

has also been prepared to identify a financial map to carry us through the period.

The plan includes the consideration of new financial avenues to provide the necessary liquidity to fund these projected needs. Coupled with prudent operational expense management, new sources of revenue including sponsorship and advertising programs are being considered to fulfill the requirements of this financial plan.

We are working closely with the Finance Committee and plan to work with the Trustees of the Endowment Funds to oversee this program and ensure the on-going stability of our organization.

I am happy to answer any questions; please complete a question card and I will get back with you after the meeting.

**Elizabeth 'Liz' W. Gaudreau, CPA,
Treasurer General**

Presentation of the Annual Audit

As of 7 September, the audit was substantially complete. We have received verbal assurance that we will receive a clean audit opinion. However, the audit report is not complete as of today.

Proposed Amendments, Constitution & Bylaws

Governor General Garmany stated the following are proposed amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws to be considered by this body, to be forwarded to Congress in 2020.

Proposed Amendment 1.

Article XII: Fees and Reports Required of a Member Society; Section 2: Annual Assessment

Current Wording:

Each Member Society shall pay to the General Society, not later than April 1st in each year, a per capita assessment of fifteen dollars (\$15.00) effective for the calendar year 2016, based on its previous membership as of December 31st of the previous year, but there shall not be included in such membership, in computing such assessment, any member who has been excused by his or her Member Society from paying the annual dues on account of his or her being actively engaged in the armed forces of his or her country of allegiance, and no other assessment shall be levied except at a regular session of the General Congress and by a two thirds vote of all the Member Societies represented and voting at that session of the

General Society, such vote being taken by Member Society.

MOTION: Secretary General Hurt: "on behalf of the Executive Committee. I move to amend

Article XII: Fees and Reports Required of a Member Society; Section 2: Annual Assessment

By substituting a NEW Section 2 as follows:

Each Member Society shall pay to the General Society, not later than April 1st each year, a per capita assessment based on the Member Society membership count as of December 31st of the previous year. The per capita assessment amount to be determined by the Executive Committee and approved by the General Board of Assistants or General Congress. Any member who has been excused by the Members Society from paying dues while actively engaged in the armed forces of their country of allegiance will be excluded from the per capita assessment with a request for exclusion from the Member Society received by the General Society no later than December 31st of the year assessed. No other assessment shall be levied except by a two thirds vote of all Member Societies represented and voting at a General Board of Assistants meeting or Congress.

The rationale for the proposed amendment is to remove the dollar amount to allow the General Board of Assistants or General Congress to consider, adopt and enact the amount based on the annual needs of the Society."

AMENDMENT: NJ AG Stephen Gibbon moved the word "assessment" be changed in all places to "amount." The amendment was seconded. Amendment Failed.

Proposed Amendment 1 was Adopted for submission to the 2020 General Congress for action.

Proposed Amendment 2.

Article XII: Fees and Reports Required of a Member Society; Section 4: Lineage Assessment

Current Wording:

Each Member Society shall pay to the General Society, the sum of seventy five dollars (\$75.00) with each original lineage

paper and each supplemental line of descent, which is submitted to the Historian General's office for examination, effective January 1, 2015.

MOTION: Secretary General Hurt: "on behalf of the Executive Committee. I move to amend

Article XII: Fees and Reports Required of a Member Society; Section 4: Lineage Assessment by substituting a NEW Section 4 as follows:

Each Member Society shall pay to the General Society, a lineage assessment determined by the General Board of Assistants or the General Congress with each original lineage paper and each supplemental line of descent, submitted to the Historian General's office for examination. The lineage assessment will be effective January 1st of the year following adoption.

The rationale for the proposed amendment is to remove the dollar amount to allow the General Board of Assistants or General Congress to consider, adopt and enact the amount based on the annual needs of the Society."

AMENDMENT: NJ AG Stephen Gibbon moved that the proposed amendment to Section 4, be amended by inserting after "determined by" and before "the," the words "the Executive Committee and approved by" and inserting after "congress" a "comma (,)". As amended it will read:

Each Member Society shall pay to the General Society, a lineage assessment determined by the Executive Committee and approved by the General Board of Assistants or the General Congress, with each original lineage paper and for each supplemental line of descent submitted to the Historian General's office for examination. The lineage assessment will be effective January 1st of the year following adoption. Motion seconded. Amendment Adopted.

The proposed amendment as amended was Adopted for submission to the 2020 General Congress for action.

With no objection, the meeting recessed at 3:00 p.m. and reconvened at 3:25 p.m.

Executive Committee

RECOMMENDATIONS (EC Actions: September 06, 2018)

6. The Executive Committee recommends to the General Board of Assistants for approval, the Opt-Out Policy become the 100-year confidentiality rule. In practice this means records will not be released within 100 years of the birth of the person named. Recommendation Adopted.

7. The Executive Committee recommends the Purchase Agreement between GSMD and Dee Clements, Artist, for the William Bradford sculpture be presented to the General Board of Assistants for approval. Recommendation Adopted.

8. The Executive Committee recommends to the General Board of Assistants for approval, the initiative called "Dress Like a Pilgrim" for the 2020 Congress. Recommendation Adopted.

2019 -2020 Preview of Plans

New York Society, DGG Adelaide Farah, announced the New York Debutante Ball to be held November 2, 2018.

2019

Colorado Governor, Richard 'Jeff' Jeffords, invited the General Board of Assistants to Denver, Colorado 2019 meeting. The event hotel will be the Grand Hyatt. The Formal Banquet will be held at the renowned Fort Restaurant which has hosted many celebrities and famous people.

CO AG Richard 'Jeff' Jeffords,
Governor

2020 California Rose Bowl Parade

I love a Parade! Our most exciting and demanding project in California this past year has been preparation for entry of a float in the Tournament of Roses Parade" on January 1, 2020. Our General Society is the official sponsor with the Member Society doing the heavy lifting on GSMD's behalf. More details are available in both Member Society and GSMD Quarterlies. We hope many of our members around the country will consider joining us in sunny southern CA for this once-in-a-lifetime event. The official invitation should arrive in February of 2019 after this year's parade is over. We are exceedingly lucky that we have received early notice and only a few new floats are accepted each year – we are IN!

In the meantime, we now have a Go Fund Me page for donations and I hope

most of you will be able to contribute something for this tremendous opportunity to educate the public and gain new members. Our *Mayflower* family in CA will welcome all who want to decorate and attend the parade. Our voyage of hope is fast approaching. More details at CAMayflower.org

CA AG Marcia Huntley Maloney,
Governor

2020 Provincetown

David Weidner, Executive Director of the Pilgrim Monument & Provincetown Museum, presented a slide show and 2020 plans. He was enthusiastic about the collaboration between Provincetown and GSMD as we move toward 2020. He announced Provincetown has received a Memorandum of Understanding with Plimoth Plantation for the *Mayflower II* to be in port at Provincetown during September 2020.

2020 Boston and Plymouth

Secretary General Hurt and Executive Director Belekewicz presented the GSMD plans for 2020. ED Belekewicz unveiled the plans for Boston and the GBOA meeting to be held at the National Pilgrim Memorial Meetinghouse. SG Hurt defined the plans with Plimoth Plantation and the special Massachusetts Society Naturalization Ceremony, pending approval from the Federal Court in New Bedford, followed by the Pilgrim Progress from the Mayflower House to the Sarcophagus on Coles Hill, up Leyden Street to the National Pilgrim Memorial Meetinghouse for the official opening of the 42nd General Congress where a deed ceremony will pass ownership of the Meetinghouse from First Parish Church to GSMD. The Governance Days for Congress are scheduled for Thursday and Friday, September 17th and 18th, followed by the 400th Anniversary Black-Tie Gala on Friday evening. ED Belekewicz announced the Plymouth 400th Embarkation Festival and Family Society Events at Plymouth County Farm and the 1620 Club events. On Sunday, September 20th Pilgrim Family Societies will meet with additional touring throughout the region. Information will be updated on the GSMD website as it becomes available. Check back often. The GO-LIVE target date for registration is January 2019. Hotels and reservations are not available prior to 18 months before Congress. Please wait to call for special pricing

for GSMD members when the rooms are released. The list of available hotels and B & B's will be posted on the GSMD website for your reservation convenience. We will make memories to last a lifetime!

Jane E. Groves Riddell Hurt,
Secretary General
Susan T. Belekewicz,
Executive Director

MOTION: William F. Tinney, Governor of the Massachusetts Society, moved... "the General Board of Assistants Meeting be held in Plymouth, Massachusetts, September 2021. Adopted.

MOTION: Lorrie Link, Deputy Governor General of the Minnesota Society, moved... "the Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of Minnesota invite the GSMD to host the GBOA meeting in Minnesota in the year 2022. Adopted.

Announcements

- The 2019 General Board of Assistants meeting will be hosted by the Colorado Society in Denver.
- 1620 Club members will meet in the Lobby tomorrow at 10:00 a.m.
- DGG Pat Friesen of the California Society presented the General Society of Mayflower Descendants with \$300.00 collected during the meeting for the Meetinghouse Fund.

The benediction was given by Elder General Rev. Dr. Thomas F. Pike, Jr.

Captain General Jeff Stark called for the *Mayflower Guard* to retire the Colors.

The General Society of Mayflower Descendants Board of Assistants meeting for 2018 adjourned at 4:33 p.m.

JANE E. GROVES RIDDELL HURT
Secretary General

Approved by
George P. Garmany Jr., MD
Governor General
17 October 2018

A full PDF of the GBOA Minutes can be accessed under the 'Members-Only' section of the website or by emailing Communications@theMayflowerSociety.org.

Silver Books Project Publications

*Published by General Society of
Mayflower Descendants*

Mayflower Families Silver Books & In Progress Books

Pilgrims
to the
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Mayflower Families Silver Books

All books listed below are hard cover

- Vol. 4, Edward Fuller (3rd ed., 2006), \$35
- Vol. 5, Edward Winslow & John Billington (2nd ed., 1997), out of print
- Vol. 6, Stephen Hopkins (3rd ed., 2001), \$60
- Vol. 7, Peter Brown (2nd ed., 2002), \$35
- Vol. 8, Degory Priest (2nd ed., 2008), \$35
- Vol. 9, Francis Eaton (1996), out of print
- Vol. 10, Samuel Fuller (1996), \$30
- Vol. 11, Part 1, Edward Doty (2nd ed., 2009), \$35
- Vol. 11, Part 2, Edward Doty (1996), \$35
- Vol. 11, Part 3, Edward Doty (2000), \$35
- Vol. 12, Francis Cooke (1996), \$65
- Vol. 13, William White (3rd ed., 2006), \$40
- Vol. 14, Myles Standish (2007), \$35
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